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OF THE

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OF THE

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OF THE

UNITED STATES,

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER ODD FELLOWS,

Held in the

CITY OF CHICAGO, STATE OF ILLINOIS,

September 18th, 1871,

TOGETHER WITH A SKETCH OF THE RECEPTION GIVEN BY
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RECEPTION

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES, I. O. O. F.,

AT CHICAGO.

PURSUANT to a resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States at the Annual Communication of 1870, the officers and members of the Grand Lodge assembled at Chicago on the 14th, 15th, and 16th days of September. Committees of Reception were in attendance at the several depots, who extended to all a most cordial and fraternal welcome, and escorted them to the Sherman House, which had been selected as the headquarters of the Grand Lodge of the United States, during the Session. On the 16th and 17th, while resting from the fatigue of travel, and renewing old and forming new acquaintance with each other, the members privately received assurances of esteem and a warm grasp of a brother's hand from many of the prominent members of the Order in Chicago and other parts of Illinois, among whom may be mentioned J. WARD ELLIS, P. G. M. and G. R., Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements; E. B. SHERMAN, P. G., Secretary of the same Committee; Hon. JOHN G. ROGERS, P. G. R.; JOHN P. FOSS, P. G. R.; A. G. LULL, P. G. R.; J. C. SMITH, P. G. R.; T. B. NEEDLES, M. W. G. M., Ills.; N. C. NASON, R. W. G. Secretary, Ills.; J. F. ALEXANDER, G. R.; J. S. TICKNOR, G. R., and many other of the large-hearted brotherhood, whose names will be long remembered.

On Monday morning at half-past 8 o'clock the Grand Lodge of Illinois met in Special Session at Excelsior Hall, about five hundred being present. At 10 o'clock they formed in procession and marched to the Sherman House, where the Grand

Lodge of the United States were formed in order by STUART W. CAYCE, Grand Marshal, and thence escorted by them to Metropolitan Hall, which had been selected as the place of holding the Session. The Grand Lodge of Illinois occupied the platform, and the Grand Lodge of the United States the seats assigned them. Hon. JOHN G. ROGERS, P. G. M. and P. G. R., in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, then welcomed the Grand Lodge of the United States in a dignified, eloquent, and impressive manner :

ADDRESS OF PAST GRAND MASTER JOHN G. ROGERS.

*Most Worthy Grand Sire, Officers, and Representatives
of the Grand Lodge of the United States :*

At its Session held in 1869 the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois unanimously passed a resolution inviting this Grand Lodge to hold its Session in this city, at the present time. This invitation was accepted, and to-day the Grand Lodge of Illinois is here assembled to meet you and to extend to you a most cordial welcome. In the name and on behalf of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, and of the 20,000 members of our Order in this State, I bid you, the officers and members of this Grand and august body—the source of all true, legitimate Odd-Fellowship in the United States and other countries into which it has been introduced—a brother's greeting and a brother's welcome.

The State of Illinois feels a just and laudable pride in being honored by a Session in its chief city of this Grand Body, and as the humble representative of our Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, their officers and members, I thank *you* for the acceptance of our invitation, and congratulate ourselves that we have to-day, as our guests, good, true, noble, and distinguished Representatives of each and every Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment under the jurisdiction of this, the Supreme head of the Order.

The Odd-Fellows of this State and the great States adjoining and around it have anticipated this day and this assembling of the highest officers and most distinguished members of the Order, with hearts full of gladness and bounding with desires to prove to you, Grand Sire and Representatives, that there are no more ardent, true, and devoted Odd-Fellows within your great Jurisdiction than those in the cities, towns, and hamlets of the grand and beautiful prairies of the West.

Their Representatives to your Body are here to unite in the transaction of the important business of your Session, and to extend the courtesies due their brother Representatives, while the individual members of Lodges and Encampments are here by thousands to attest their love for, and confidence in, the integrity, ability, and genuine Odd-Fellowship of the members of this, the highest legislative and judicial head of the Order.

They will join you to-morrow in grand procession, when, by their great numbers, clothed in beautiful and appropriate regalia, marching with music and under banners emblazoned with the emblems, mottoes, and principles of the Order, they will demonstrate to the public that they are a mighty band, not of armed soldiers breathing out vengeance and threatening devastation and ruin, but one of peace, bound by the triple links, "Friendship, Love, and Truth," and united for principles of human benefaction.

But, Most Worthy Grand Sire, you are here with Representatives from forty-one Grand Lodges and thirty Grand Encampments, ready to transact business of importance and of great interest to nearly half a million Odd-Fellows of the United States, Dominion of Canada, Germany, Australia, and other islands of the seas, and I must not detain you longer.

I conclude, therefore, by expressing the hope of our brothers of Chicago and the State of Illinois, that you will find it as convenient, as I am sure it will be agreeable, during the work of your Session, to accept the courtesies that will be extended to you, one and all, by the Odd-Fellows and citizens of Chicago; that we may demonstrate that we appreciate your visit, and know how to *treat* as well as *greet* those who come among us, meaning and intending, as we do, to prove the genuineness of that hospitality which "welcomes the coming, and speeds the parting guest." Once more, brothers, welcome to our hearts and homes.

The address was warmly applauded, and FRED. D. STUART, Most Worthy Grand Sire, responded as follows:

RESPONSE OF FRED. D. STUART, M. W. GRAND SIRE.

Most Worthy Past Grand Master:

In behalf of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and for myself, I thank you for the hearty welcome and cordial greeting you have given us to-day. I cannot say that this was unexpected, nor that the demonstration gotten up for the occasion was unlooked for, but I can say, and do say, that your efforts to make us feel that we are among friends, and that we are really welcome, have been eminently successful. Your fervent manner, this vast assembly, these smiling faces, and these beaming eyes, tell us, in a language that can not be mistaken, that we are thrice welcome; and with grateful hearts we are ready to exclaim, how good and pleasant it is for us to be here.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, whenever or wherever, is always regarded with profound interest, not only by those who are to participate in its deliberations, but by the brotherhood at large, who being interested anxiously look for the proceedings of that Right Worthy Body. And not only that, we must bear in mind that on such occasions, and especially on this occasion, the eyes of the world are upon us, ready to criticize every act and measure every word we say. No event in the history of our beloved Order, except, perhaps, that which occurred when the Grand Lodge of the United States assembled, in Annual Communication, on the Pacific Coast, in the State of golden, I may say cherished, memories in the far-famed and justly-renowned city of San Francisco, could more effectually than that which is now transpiring, bring to the favorable notice of the civilized world the Institution of the day—the great moral, social, and beneficial compact, known as the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows—whose glorious banner has been spread to the breeze in nearly every valley—on nearly every hill-top—in nearly every city, town, village, and hamlet in this land; whose golden links have been stretched to the islands of the sea, to far-off Australia,—whose altars have been erected on German soil, and whose principles have been made known to the "high hill" men in free and enlightened Switzerland; whose membership is composed of nearly every nationality, tongue, and creed; of men in every sphere and in every occupation of life. Should we not be proud, Most Worthy Past Grand Master, and how bright and cheering the prospect before us. A tree is known by its fruit; men are judged by their acts; and if the merits and claims of an institution are determined by the same rule, the rapid growth of our beloved Order, its wonderful capacity for good, and the good it has done and is doing, has placed it pre-eminently before the world, first among the charities of the age. And we, the Representatives of an active membership of one-third of a million of men, with but little less than two millions of beings dependent upon them, are here to-day to open our National Congress, to legislate for their good, and, as we trust, for the very best interests of our common humanity—to elevate still higher the standard of our Order, and to give to intelligent men, everywhere, renewed assurances, and more convincing proofs, that we are worthy of their confidence and respect.

This is an era of progress, of enlarged and enlightened ideas, of gigantic undertakings, and no place could have been selected, in which to hold our

Annual Communication, better calculated to inspire our minds with the importance of our mission, and with the necessity of adopting the most liberal and expansive views, in all we say and do, in the interests of the fraternity.

Assembled in the great commercial metropolis of the West, a city second to none on this continent in intelligence, affluence, and enterprise—located in close proximity with the most extensive rivers and lakes on the globe—with unparalleled railroad facilities, and surrounded by a country possessing inexhaustible agricultural and mineral wealth—Chicago stands alone in its glory, the pride of its people, the astonishment and admiration of the world. I for one feel honored, I am proud of the position I occupy to-day, and it is my determination, with the co-operation of those who are with me, with your assistance, to make this occasion one long to be remembered, not only by those participating, but by the entire Order, with emotions of the greatest pleasure. And it will be remembered. Most Worthy Past Grand Master, as you have said, twenty thousand Illinois Odd-Fellows are here, if not all of them in person, their hearts are with us. The Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the Jurisdiction are here; nearly a score of the Subordinate Encampments located in this vicinity are here; upwards of twenty Subordinate and Degree Lodges meeting in this magnificent city are here; hundreds and thousands of members of the Order from adjacent jurisdictions are here; and with outstretched arms and voices raised, are presenting a scene which has never been surpassed, if equaled, in the history of our Order—exhibiting, as it does, the power, the beauty, and the transcendent grandeur of the principles of our institution, which can bring together, at one point, so many hearts and so many hands united as one man in the great cause of human benefaction.

I should like to say something, Most Worthy Past Grand Master, in regard to the condition and prospects of our noble Order, but this is neither the time nor the place. I have already spoken longer than I intended, but I must conclude by again thanking you, and those whom you represent, for the hearty welcome you have given us to-day.

After the enthusiasm aroused by the eloquence of the M. W. G. Sire had partially subsided, the Grand Lodge of Illinois retired, and the regular Session of the Grand Lodge commenced.

The Committee of Arrangements had planned a public procession in regalia, to take place on Tuesday Morning, Sept. 19.

Not a few of the more conservative brothers were in doubt as to the success of this undertaking. But a single glance at the streets, thronged with stalwart men wearing the insignia of our Order, not only dispelled doubt, but awakened boundless enthusiasm. The brotherhood of Chicago were present in force, every Lodge and Encampment being in place, with music and banners. Lodges from Joliet, Aurora, St. Charles, Galesburg, Streator, and other places in Illinois, were early in the ranks, and thousands of brothers from all parts of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Indiana, and some other States, joined to swell the grand display. The officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Illinois and other Jurisdictions, and the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of

the United States, filled about one hundred carriages, and added lustre to the splendid pageant.

Not less than five thousand true Odd-Fellows were in the ranks, and as they marched to the soul-inspiring music along the spacious streets of Chicago, and through the grand arches of the tunnel far beneath the flowing waters of the regenerated river, the effect was most imposing. It spoke more eloquently than words can portray of the power and permanency of our beloved Order, and the deep hold its benign principles have upon the manhood of the great and growing Northwest. The perfect decorum and marked dignity of every part of this grand procession called forth the most flattering encomiums from every intelligent observer, and can not fail to attract attention to our great brotherhood and its beneficent work, and thereby largely increase our membership.

For a lasting memorial of this magnificent display, the order of procession and route of march is here inserted:

ORDER OF THE GRAND PROCESSION.

Tuesday, September 19, 1871.

The procession formed at 9 o'clock, on Michigan avenue, with the right resting on Randolph street, under command of J. WARD ELLIS, P. G. M. and G. R., Grand Marshal, assisted by J. WILKIN, P. G.; O. E. EAMES, P. G.; J. S. MCFARLAND, P. G. M.; AUG. BINZ, P. G.; and JOHN SNITZER, P. G., Assistant Marshals, and CHAS. A. DE VILLIERS, Adjutant.

FIRST DIVISION.

Police.

Music.

J. Ward Ellis, Grand Marshal, attended by Capt. Geo. Miller, P. G., and Charles A. De Villiers, Aids.

Subordinate Lodges, Nos. 451, 447, 437, 432, 416.

SECOND DIVISION.

Music.

O. E. Eames, P. G., Assistant Marshal.

Subordinate Lodges, Nos. 407, 404, 400, 398, 389.

THIRD DIVISION.

Music.

John Snitzer, P. G., Assistant Marshal.

Subordinate Lodges, Nos. 388, 353, 330, 329, 221.

FOURTH DIVISION.

Music.

August Binz, P. G., Assistant Marshal.

Subordinate Lodges, Nos. 214, 58, 55, 22, 11, 9.

FIFTH DIVISION.

Music.

J. Wilkin, P. G., Assistant Marshal.

Visiting Lodges—from Illinois and other Jurisdictions.

SIXTH DIVISION.

Music.

J. S. McFarland, P. G. M., Assistant Marshal.
 Encampments, Nos. 114, 110, 108, 106, 101, 40, 10.
 Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Music.

Officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Illinois, and other
 Jurisdictions.

Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in car-
 riages.

LINE OF MARCH.

The procession moved at 10 o'clock, and passed
 North on Michigan avenue, across Rush street bridge ;
 North on Rush to Erie ;
 West on Erie to Dearborn ;
 South on Dearborn to Michigan ;
 West on Michigan to LaSalle ;
 South on LaSalle, through the tunnel to Madison ;
 East on Madison to Dearborn ;
 South on Dearborn to Adams ;
 West on Adams to Desplaines ;
 South on Desplaines to Van Buren ;
 East on Van Buren to Wabash avenue ;
 South on Wabash avenue to Eldridge court ;
 East on Eldridge court to Michigan avenue ;
 North on Michigan avenue to Randolph street ;
 Halted.

Opened ranks and permitted the carriages under escort to pass through.
 The procession then disbanded, and the carriages proceeded to the Sherman
 House via Lake street.

On the evening of the 19th, Most Worthy Grand Sire
 STUART, by special invitation, exemplified the secret work up
 to the Scarlet Degree to nearly three thousand of the brother-
 hood, who listened with the most profound attention.

On Wednesday evening a grand reunion of Odd-Fellows
 was held at Metropolitan Hall, which was crowded to its
 utmost capacity. Hon. D. L. SHOREY, P. G. R., presided.

In introducing the exercises of the evening, Brother SHOREY
 availed himself of the occasion to make a few explanatory
 remarks to the assemblage, in which he most felicitously and
 forcefully presented the principles and character of the Order,
 its wide spread extent of ministration, and its salutary in-
 fluences upon every community in which it existed. The
 following distinguished brethren were then severally intro-
 duced, each of whom addressed the audience—

JOHN B. HARMON, P. G. M.....California.
 E. N. FITZHUGH, P. D. G. Sire.....Virginia.
 GEO. W. RACE, P. G. Sire.....Louisiana.
 JOHN F. MORSE, Sp. D. G. Sire.....Germanic Europe.
 SCHUYLER COLFAX, P. G. M.....Indiana.
 JAMES L. RIDGELY, G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.

The addresses were all impressive, and eloquent, and elicited decided approbation. SCHUYLER COLFAX, P. G. R., who arrived after the meeting was in progress, was received with a tempest of applause.

On Thursday, at 3 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge accepted an invitation to a boat excursion upon the lake and river, upon the Chicago Belle. They first proceeded to the "Crib," situated two miles from the shore of Lake Michigan, which is the lake terminus of the famous tunnel supplying Chicago with water, and which is one of the most wonderful feats of civil engineering, enterprise, and sagacity which the age affords. Returning, they then proceeded up the river, through the business heart of the city, and viewed the immense elevators, the extensive lumber yards, and other manifestations of the thrift, intelligence, and never-ceasing activity of that wonderful city.

On Friday evening, Bro. JOHN G. ROGERS, P. G. M. and P. G. R., gave a reception to the Grand Lodge at his residence. The affability and courtesy of Bro. ROGERS and his accomplished lady and lovely daughters, their genial and winning manners, seemed contagious, and the occasion was one of un-mixed pleasure, and its recollection will be delightful in coming years.

On Saturday afternoon carriages were provided, and the Grand Lodge taken to Lincoln Park, on the north of the city, a most charming spot, and along the lake shore drive for several miles. Other drives were contemplated and provided for, but the committee wisely determined not to interfere too much with the regular business of the Grand Lodge, deftly interspersing such pleasure and delight as they were able without impairing the real usefulness of the session.

The cordial and hearty reception of the Grand Lodge; the careful attention to even the trifling wants of the members; the sensible and judicious management; the free and generous hospitality; the imposing and magnificent procession; the earnestness and enthusiasm of the brotherhood and the real work accomplished, will cause the Session of 1871 at Chicago to be long remembered as among the most pleasing and profitable in our history. Hospitality and unremitting kindness

were the order of the day, and each seemed vying with the other in ministering to the wants and anticipating the desires of the guests. Justice prevents the close of this sketch without special mention of the assiduity, care, and attention which characterized those good brothers, J. WARD ELLIS, Grand Representative, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, and the Secretary, E. B. SHERMAN, to whose indefatigable energy was mainly due the success which attended the demonstration on Tuesday, the comfort of the visitors, in a word, the rendering the entire programme in all its details creditable alike to the State of Illinois, the City of Chicago, and the great brotherhood in that Jurisdiction. Their zeal, energy, and devotion will long have a place in the memories of the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States who were privileged to participate in the deliberations of that Body in 1871.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States,

HELD IN THE

CITY OF CHICAGO, STATE OF ILLINOIS,

COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 18, 1871.

MONDAY, September 18, 1871—9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon the call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

FRED. D. STUART M. W. Grand Sire.
C. A. LOGAN R. W. D. G. Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE R. W. Grand Chaplain.
STUART W. CAYCE R. W. Grand Marshal.
JAMES SMITH R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN R. W. Grand Messenger.

And Representatives from twenty-nine Grand Lodges, and seventeen Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

RALPH WILLIAMS, P. G. M.....	Alabama.
JOHN B. HARMON, P. G. M.....	California.
PETER L. CUNNINGHAM, P. G. M.....	Connecticut.
JOSHUA MARIS, P. G. M.....	Delaware.
GEORGE DAMON, P. G. Rep.....	Florida.
S. W. MANGHAM, P. G. M.....	Georgia.
THOMAS UNDERWOOD, P. G. M.....	Indiana.
E. H. WICKERSHAM, P. G. M.....	Iowa.
M. J. DURHAM, P. G. M.....	Kentucky.
WM. C. WILSON, P. G. M.....	Louisiana.
JOHN MATHESON, P. G. Rep.....	Lower Provinces,
N. H. COLTON, P. G. M.....	Maine. [B. N. A.
E. GOVER COX, P. G. M.....	Maryland.
THOMAS C. PORTER, P. G. M.....	Massachusetts.
J. S. CURTIS, P. G. M.....	Michigan.
I. M. WESTFALL, P. G. M.....	Minnesota.
R. J. S. WISE, P. G. M.....	Missouri.
CHARLES H. BROWN, P. G. M.....	New Hampshire.
THEODORE A. ROSS, P. G. P.....	New Jersey.
EDWARD J. HAMILTON, P. G. P.....	New York.
WM. L. SMITH, P. G. M.....	North Carolina.
JOHN W. CARTER, P. G. M.....	Ohio.
THOMAS PARTRIDGE, P. G. M.....	Ontario.
R. A. LAMBERTON, P. G. M.....	Pennsylvania.
HERBERT E. DODGE, P. G. P.....	Rhode Island.
C. B. HALL, P. G. P.....	Tennessee.
WILLARD RICHARDSON, P. G. M.....	Texas.
E. H. FITZHUGH, P. D. Grand Sire.....	Virginia.
JAMES P. DAVIS, P. G. M.....	West Virginia.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

NATHAN PORTER, P. G. Rep.....	California.
T. I. DRIGGS, P. G. P.....	Connecticut.
J. S. TICKNOR, P. G. P.....	Illinois.
JOHN B. GLENN, P. G. Rep.....	Iowa.
M. S. DOWDEN, P. G. P.....	Kentucky.
ORIN B. WHITTEN, P. H. P.....	Maine.
CHAS. E. PERKINS, P. G. P.....	Massachusetts.
GEORGE DEAN, P. G. P.....	Michigan.
GEO. W. VARNEY, P. G. P.....	New Hampshire.
JAMES W. WROTH, P. C. P.....	New Jersey.
JOHN MEDOLE, P. G. M.....	New York.
JAMES TURNER, P. G. P.....	Ohio.
C. N. HICKOK, P. C. P.....	Pennsylvania.
GEO. H. OLNEY, P. G. M.....	Rhode Island.
C. LANEY MEYER, P. G.....	South Carolina.
GEO. BAIRD, P. G. Rep.....	West Virginia.
JOHN W. HUDSON, P. G.....	Wisconsin.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JOHN A. KENNEDY.....	New York.
THOMAS SHERLOCK.....	Ohio.
GEORGE W. RACE.....	Louisiana.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....	Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.....	Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....	New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....	Tennessee.

A quorum being present, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon Brother J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace, as follows :

O Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from Thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech Thee with Thy favor to behold and bless this great company of brethren, who have gathered here from the North and from the South, from the East and from the West, in the interests of our benevolent Order. Be pleased, most gracious God, to direct and prosper all our consultations, to the advancement of Thy glory, and the welfare of our fraternity. May no spirit of bitterness or prejudice enter in, to mar the peace and harmony of proceedings, but grant that every transaction may be governed strictly by the Golden Rule of love and justice. We invoke Thy divine blessing upon our Order everywhere; may it continue to prosper wherever established, and may each brother exemplify its principles in the intercourse of daily life. Regard with pity and compassion the widow and orphan, and order all things for their present and eternal good. Comfort and succor all those, who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Hear us, O Father, in these our supplications and prayers, and fulfill our desires and petitions as may be most expedient for us; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. And may Thy holy name be magnified now and forever. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire now, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified, whereupon by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he proclaimed the Lodge open for business.

On motion of Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, the reading of the minutes of the last Session was dispensed with.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials: Reps. PARTRIDGE, of Ontario; HICKOK, of Pennsylvania; BROWN, of New Hampshire; WICKERSHAM, of Iowa; TURNER, of Ohio.

Also the Committee on Allotment of Seats as follows: Reps. GLENN, of Iowa; DRIGGS, of Connecticut; OLNEY, of Rhode Island; DAVIS, of West Virginia; TAYLOR, of Wisconsin.

Rep. PARTRIDGE, of Ontario, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which on motion was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Committee find the following duly accredited Representatives :

FROM GRAND LODGES.

DAVID N. BARROWS, P. G. M.....	Mississippi.
HERVEY F. HUBBARD, P. G. M.....	Wisconsin.
JAMES E. HASELTINE, P. G. M.....	Maine.
HENRY M. LINDENBERG, P. G.....	Ohio.
JOHN MATTHESON, P. G.....	Lower Pro.B. N. A.
H. W. BAKER, P. G.....	Delaware.
ERIE J. LEECH, P. G. M.....	Iowa.
J. D. TRAPP, P. G. M.....	Kentucky.

FROM GRAND LODGES—*continued*.

LUTHER J. GLENN, P. G. Rep.....	Georgia.
H. D. McCARTY, P. G. M.....	Kansas.
D. O. ADKISON, P. G.....	Nevada.
J. A. WILDMAN, P. G. M.....	Indiana.
J. WARD ELLIS, P. G. M.....	Illinois.
PERRY B. CLARK, P. G. M.....	Minnesota.
WILLIAM MADDEN, P. G. M.....	New York.
JOHN H. SIMMONS, P. G. M.....	Vermont.
CHAS. H. RAWLINGS, P. G.....	Maryland.
JAMES WOODYATT, P. G. M.....	Ontario.
HUGH LATHAM, P. G. M.....	Virginia.
JOHN W. SMITH, P. G. M.....	Connecticut.
E. WILKERSON, P. G. M.....	Missouri.
JOHN F. MORSE, P. G. M.....	California.
JOHN JOHNSON, P. G.....	Tennessee.
E. D. TOWL, P. G.....	Oregon.
CORLISS WADLEIGH, P. G. M.....	Massachusetts.
E. H. WHITNEY, P. G. M.....	Michigan.
CYRUS VANCE, P. G.....	West Virginia.
W. R. McLEAN, P. G. M.....	Dist. of Columbia.
OMER O. KENT, P. G.....	Colorado.
JOHN R. TOMPKINS, P. G.....	Alabama.
GEORGE NUNGESSOR, P. G. M.....	Louisiana.
J. ALEX. SIMPSON, P. G. M.....	Pennsylvania.
GEORGE DAMON, P. G. R.....	Florida.
JOHN F. DRISCOL, P. G. M.....	Rhode Island.
DAYTON B. WHITTAKER, P. G. M.....	New Jersey.
ROBERT S. DURYEA, P. G. M. (vice WM. THAYER, re- signed)	South Carolina.
THOS. WARD TAYLOR, P. D. G. M.....	Wisconsin.
A. L. STINSON, P. G. M. (vice SILAS J. DAY, resigned)...	Oregon.
GEORGE K. BIRCHETT, P. G. M. (vice R. B. MAYERS, re- signed)	Mississippi.
I. C. STAFFORD, P. G. M.....	Texas.
JOHN EVANS, P. G. (vice ALFRED JONES, resigned).....	Nebraska.
LOUIS FURST, P. G. P. (vice JOHN G. RODGERS, re- signed)	Illinois.
ALBERT COHEN, P. G. R. (vice PETER DRUGMAN, re- signed)	Arkansas.
H. J. CANNIFF, P. G. M. (vice C. A. LOGAN, resigned)...	Kansas.
JOSEPH H. GARDNER, P. G. M.....	New Hampshire.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

JOHN H. WHITE, P. G. M.....	New York.
ISRAEL HARRIS, P. G. M.....	New Jersey.
DANIEL McLAREN, P. G. P.....	California.
HENRY CLARK, P. G. M.....	Vermont.
STERN D. FAIRCHILDS, P. G. P.....	Connecticut.
SAMUEL D. DOLSON, P. G. P.....	Ontario.
A. J. VANDEGRIFF, P. G.....	Louisiana.
L. K. BARBER, P. G. P.....	Mississippi.
WILLIAM C. EARL, P. G. M.....	Ohio.
C. L. MEYER, P. G. M.....	South Carolina.
CALEB RAND, P. G. M.....	Massachusetts.
JAS. A. PRICE, P. G. P.....	Missouri.
W. H. FOULKE, P. C. P.....	Delaware.
WILLIAM A. SHIELDS, P. G. Rep.....	Alabama.
P. T. PHILLIPS, P. G. P.....	Tennessee.
H. F. GAREY, P. G. P.....	Maryland.
C. A. ROBBE, P. G. P.....	Georgia.
R. A. RANDLETT, P. G. P.....	Kansas.
W. H. LANPHEAR, P. G. P.....	Wisconsin.
J. F. ALEXANDER, P. G. M.....	Illinois.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS—*continued.*

WM. P. SHARP, P. G. M.....Iowa.
 J. H. ROBINSON, P. G. P.....Virginia.
 BENJAMIN FLETCHER, JR., P. G. P.....New Hampshire.
 J. W. STOKES, P. G. M.....Pennsylvania.
 W. T. CURRY, P. G. M.....Kentucky.
 JOHN T. GIVEN, P. G. P.....Dis. of Columbia.
 JAMES PIERCE, P. G. P.....Indiana.
 LEONIDAS SEXTON, P. G. P., vice JORDAN, absent.....Indiana.
 MINOT T. LANE, P. G. M., (vice J. H. MCFARLAND, re-
 signed,).....Michigan.
 C. C. ARCHER, P. G. M., (vice ED. S. DICKINSON, re-
 signed,).....Missouri.
 ALEX. L. SPEAR, P. G. M., for one year, being for unex-
 pired term.....Maryland.
 Your Committee also find certificate of J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS, P. G.
 M., from the Grand Encampment of Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. PARTRIDGE,
 JAMES TURNER,
 E. H. WICKERSHAM,
 CHARLES N. HICKOK.

On motion of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, it was

Resolved, That the usual resolution for admission of visitors, found on page 4702, Proceedings of 1870, be adopted.

Rep. GLENN, of Iowa, from the Committee on Allotment of Seats made the following report, and the members were seated accordingly:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee to whom was referred the allotment of seats, would respectfully report the following as the result of the drawing, to wit:

New Hampshire.....1, 2, 3, 4	Delaware.....67, 68, 69
Oregon.....5, 6	District of Columbia.....70, 71, 72
Mississippi.....7, 8, 9	California.....73, 74, 75, 76
Kentucky.....10, 11, 12, 13	Missouri.....77, 78, 79, 80
South Carolina.....14, 15	Colorado.....81
New Jersey.....16, 17, 18, 19	Massachusetts.....82, 83, 84, 85
Pennsylvania.....20, 21, 22, 23	Vermont.....86, 87
Illinois.....24, 25, 26, 27	Nebraska.....88
Rhode Island.....28, 29, 30	Indiana.....89, 90, 91, 92
Tennessee.....31, 32, 33	Lower Provinces.....93
New York.....34, 35, 36, 37	Texas.....94, 95, 96
Wisconsin.....38, 39, 40, 41	Michigan.....97, 98, 99, 100
North Carolina.....42	Georgia.....101, 102, 103
Florida.....43	Alabama.....104, 105, 106
Maine.....44, 45, 46	Louisiana.....107, 108, 109
Maryland.....47, 48, 49, 50	Iowa.....110, 111, 112, 113
Kansas.....51, 52, 53	Nevada.....114, 115
Minnesota.....54, 55, 56	Ohio.....116, 117, 118, 119
Virginia.....57, 58, 59	Ontario.....120, 121, 122
Connecticut.....60, 61, 62, 63	Arkansas.....123
West Virginia.....64, 65, 66	

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GLENN,
 T. I. DRIGGS,
 JAMES P. DAVIS,
 T. W. TAYLOR,
 GEO. H. OLNEY.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON P. G. Sire, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the time for the sessions of the Grand Lodge will be to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., take a recess for thirty minutes at 12 o'clock, M., and adjourn at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The hour fixed for recess, 12 o'clock, having arrived, the Grand Sire declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order to that effect.

The Grand Secretary read the following Telegram from Bro. HUGO WOLLHEIM, N. G. of Germania Lodge, No. 1, Berlin, Prussia :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, Chicago, Illinois :

Sept. 16, 1871.

Germania, Borussia, Farnsworth, send fraternal greetings and respectful homage to Brother MORSE and the Grand Lodge. All right.
Berlin.

WOLLHEIM

On motion of Bro. KENNEDY, P. G. Sire, it was resolved unanimously that the Grand Sire transmit the following reply:

HUGO WOLLHEIM, *Berlin, Prussia :*

Dispatch received. We return words of good cheer to our German offspring. May God prosper you, and speed your good work until Friendship, Love and Truth girdles the earth.

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Secret Journal and Books of Diagrams be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, and that that officer is hereby instructed to furnish every opportunity to properly accredited Representatives to acquaint themselves with the Work during the present Session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a copy of the Digest, and a complete copy of the bound Journal of this Grand Lodge be furnished to each Officer and Representative who has not previously received the same.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, presented the following, which, on his motion, was accepted :

CHICAGO, Sept. 16, 1871.

Mr. MOSHER cordially invites the members of the Grand Lodge U. S. I. O. O. F., through your Grand Representatives, J. WARD ELLIS, Chairman, and E. B. SHERMAN, Secretary Committee, to come and sit for your photographs, at my gallery, No. 30 Washington street, Chicago, for the purpose

of collecting a lasting memento of all the members of the Grand Lodge, U. S., in a group, each taken separately.

Yours very respectfully,

C. D. MOSHER.

P. S.—Please try and make it convenient to come twenty or thirty per day, at intervals to suit your own convenience, and as early in the week as possible, as I cannot wait upon too many at one time, and oblige,

Yours,

C. D. M.

Rep. ELLIS, of Illinois, presented the following communication, which was, on motion of Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, accepted:

HALL OF UNION LODGE, No. 9, I. O. O. F.,
Corner La Salle and Washington Streets,
CHICAGO, September 14, 1871.

To the Officers and Members of the R. W. G. L. of U. S., I. O. O. F.:

BROTHERS: By a vote of Union Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., you are cordially invited to visit us, at our next Regular Meeting, held at our Hall, on Thursday Evening, September 21, 1871, at eight o'clock.

Fraternally yours, in F., L., and T.,

BENJ. J. BARTLETT, *Secretary.*

Also, the following, which was, on motion, accepted, and the thanks of the Lodge tendered to the donors:

NEW YORK, September 15, 1871.

MR. JAMES L. RIDGELY,

Grand Secretary I. O. O. F., Sherman House, Chicago.

DEAR SIR: We have taken the liberty of expressing to you, to-day, to Sherman House, Chicago, a few Pencils, wholly of American manufacture, which you will please accept, for distribution among your brothers in council. You will please accept them, as a slight token of our respect for the Order with which you are connected, and trust you will find them worthy of your use.

Respectfully yours,

AMERICAN LEAD PENCIL CO.

Rep. ELLIS, of Illinois, presented the following communication, when, on his motion, the invitation was accepted:

CHICAGO, September 18, 1871.

DR. ELLIS,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Will you please announce in your meeting this morning, that I would like each delegation to all come together, as I want to sit each delegation in a group together; and, as many as twenty or thirty delegations a day, if they come at intervals of, say fifteen or twenty minutes apart. The four most prominent ones, I would like to come together, for the central figure. I can get them all in four days, as easily as to be one week about it, if they come so I can.

And you will greatly oblige, respectfully yours,

C. D. MOSHER.

P. S.—Morning time is preferable, as early as 9, A. M.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That hereafter in printing the names of brothers in the Journal of Proceedings, the rank of the brothers shall precede the name when only the surname is used, but when the full name is used, the title shall be placed after the name.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was referred to a Special Committee :

Resolved, That Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah be, and they are hereby, authorized to ballot on all applications for membership in such Lodges, and that a majority of the members present at such meeting, and voting, shall be necessary for the election of an applicant to membership.

Resolved, That when application for membership is rejected, the same shall not be renewed in any Lodge until the expiration of six months from the time of such rejection.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be and is hereby instructed, immediately after the adjournment to-day, to remove the seats now in the rear of this hall to such other parts of the hall as convenient, and as will better enable Representatives occupying such seats to hear the business presented before this Grand Lodge.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, moved to amend as follows :

Resolved, As a substitute, that the Grand Messenger be directed to act in concert with the local committee of arrangements, in locating the seats in the hall to the better convenience of Representatives, on and after to-day.

On motion of Rep. PORTER, of California, the subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. PARTRIDGE, of Ontario, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report :

The Committee on Credentials report that they have received and examined the credentials of M. W. YOUNG, P. G., who has been duly elected Representative from the Grand Encampment of Texas, and find said Certificate states that in the event of Brother YOUNG not attending at the opening of the Grand Lodge, J. Y. DASHIEL is hereby appointed Representative in his place. Your Committee would respectfully submit the case to this Grand Lodge for its adjudication.

THOS. PARTRIDGE,
CHAS. N. HICKOK,
JAMES TURNER.

On the motion of Rep. DURYEA, of South Carolina, the Report was referred to the Judiciary Committee, with instructions to report on the same, at an early day.

On motion of Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That fifteen copies of the Journal be furnished to each Officer, Representative and P. G. Sire, and that the same be placed upon the Representatives' desks on the assembling at each morning Session, properly wrapped or enveloped for mailing.

The M. W. G. SIRE submitted his Annual Report as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

INTRODUCTION.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Allow me to congratulate you upon the auspicious circumstances of our present reunion, as the Supreme Council of our beloved Order. We come together after a year's repose, fresh from constituencies diffused all over this wide spread country, North, South, East and West, from the extremest settlements of the nation, from foreign lands and from the Islands of the ocean. No secular influence, no desire of present gain, no allurements of place or distinction, no hope of favor, renown or honor, which power may confer, none of these, so potential in nerving the arm, and kindling the zeal of men in the business of life, stimulates our presence in this distant city, far away from our several homes. We are here upon a voluntary and self-imposed mission, counting time, and talents, and money, as no sacrifice, but as a willing offering in the cause of human benefaction. We come together as representatives of a vast constituency, divided under our form of government into States, Districts, Colonial and Provincial Jurisdictions, to account together of our stewardship, in our respective spheres of labor to confer in relation to the general welfare, to apply the instructions of experience, and the suggestions of united counsels, and to take such improved reckoning for our guidance in the future as these lights may throw upon our path.

This Grand Body is charged by its Constitution, with authority to legislate for an organization, which comprehends thousands of Subordinates, and hundreds of thousands of individual members, scattered over a widely extended field, to adjudicate in the last resort upon the many controversies and alleged grievances inseparable from its large membership, and from the extended area of its jurisdiction. It has also the high prerogative of selecting, every two years, the chief executive of the entire fraternity throughout the world. It is obvious and perfectly natural, therefore, that it should be looked up to by our brethren with the greatest interest, and that its deliberations should challenge their close attention and scrutiny. As the source and fountain of the Institution, it is preëminently important that its administration should be wise, faithful and scrupulously representative. Upon the sound and regular action of the heart, always depends the harmony and healthfulness of the several co-operative functionary organs of the human system: in like manner do our subordinates and auxiliary departments derive from the salutary character of our legislation greater solidity and healthfulness of life. Our responsibility is grave and impressive, and should ever be present and influential in our deliberations. From my personal knowledge of, by far, the larger number of the Representatives, I am assured that each will feel, with myself, a due sense of this responsibility, and that it will be our chief ambition, not only from our appreciation of the high calling to which we have been exalted, but from that profound and abiding love and veneration, which we cherish for the Order, to acquit ourselves to our best ability of our whole duty.

We are assembled to-day upon a wonderful spot of ground: in the metropolitan city of an empire State, a city-born as it were of yesterday, and to-day displaying a colossal growth, not only of numbers, but of every other element of power which commands admiration. We stand to-day in the presence of an unparalleled civilization, and behold around and about us on every side the substantial fruits of the all-conquering power of capital, genius and enterprise, guided by wisdom in developing advantages of position and general surroundings. The history of the world does not furnish a grander, if a parallel, progress unless it be in the fabulous stories invented for the amusement of the young. Here, less than half a century ago, reigned in solitude the primitive forest and the virgin prairie, as God vouchsafed them on the morning of creation. Dominion here was disputed only by the wild beasts and the untutored savage: now, behold, arisen as it were by talismanic power a city, the third in wealth of the great Republic, outranking hundreds of the old world, which date back to the Cæsars; lifting its proud head erectly to the heavens, inspired by the rewards of its past

energy and by the bright promise which gilds its future horizon, to struggle on to further greatness and renown; here dwell a people, many of them our brother Odd-Fellows, all of them our fellow citizens, who have built an empire: denizens of a glorious commonwealth, a community abounding in wealth, material, moral, political and social, inferior to none on the earth, in refinement, intellect, industry, energy, genius and its rewards, having an unconquerable determination to reach preeminence, a goal very clearly indicated in their near future. We are here in this great city by the special request of the Grand Lodge of the State, to whose noble and generous invitation we have promptly responded. By that distinguished Body, and thousands of its membership, and invited brethren from adjoining Jurisdictions, have we been met upon our arrival at this beautiful city, and welcomed to their hospitality and their homes. What a grand and sublime moral! how commandingly does the scene display the benign and fraternal character of Odd-Fellowship! Strangers to each other but a few days ago, in person, in name, in character, and position in life, yet kindred in *Friendship* and *Love*, and in the practical illustration of that grand *Truth* which proclaims the brotherhood of man, and the fatherhood of God over all. In your name, Representatives, and as your chief officer, I tender to our brethren of Illinois profound and heartfelt acknowledgments for this mark of high respect; I thank them most sincerely for this noble demonstration, the influence of which will awaken in the bosom of every Odd-Fellow throughout the world renewed affection for our beloved Order, and esteem for the Brotherhood of Illinois, who have this day so grandly illustrated its splendid morale.

Standing here as representative men, occupying so elevated a platform, we cannot fail to see by the transcendent career of Illinois and Chicago, a mirror which in fact vividly reflects our own progressive history as an Order. Let us recognize in the lesson which is so instructive that by just such a spirit of energy and unconquerable devotion, sustained by the favor and blessing of God, have we grown Odd-Fellowship from a feeble germ to a great tree, whose branches now reach the ends of the earth. If we would be worthy of the noble men from whom we received it, let our highest aspirations be to transmit it, not only in the beauty and excellence which now adorn it, but to go on adding to it grace and virtue and comeliness, so that henceforth everywhere and from all men it shall be hailed as a blessing to our age and race.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

It is my privilege to report to you that unexampled prosperity has rewarded our labors during the past year in every section of the general Jurisdiction. Peace and concord, which have from our infancy characterized the Institution, amid all the external conflicts and tumults of the world, continue unbroken within our borders, and a general spirit of emulation and rivalry prevails among the brethren to excel in the great cause of human benefaction. In no period of our history, whether we consider our numbers, our finances, or our work of benevolence, have we had greater reason for gratification.

NUMERICAL STRENGTH AND REVENUE.

The Annual Report of the Grand Secretary, which was now completed at the time of committing this paper to the press, in consequence, I regret to say, of the dilatoriness of several Grand Bodies in making their Reports to him, will furnish the precise figures in this regard; but I am authorized to say, from the data in his hands, that the net increase in membership will not vary far from thirty thousand, making an aggregate of about three hundred and thirty thousand (330,000) at this time in compliance. The increase in revenue and disbursements for relief will be proportionate. Comment is unnecessary; it is doubtful whether any secular organization in the world, for benevolent objects, will surpass this exhibit, and it is believed that but few if any will be able to equal it.

FINANCES.

I am assured by the Grand Treasurer, whose Report will be made early in the Session, that the financial condition of the Grand Lodge never has been

in a more solid and gratifying condition; all the appropriations made at the last Session have been promptly paid out of the Treasury as they have been presented and the current expenses met, leaving in his hands sufficient excess to justify his investment under the order of the last Session, of \$6,712.50.

The aggregate amount of invested securities held by the Grand Lodge of the United States at present is \$14,000.

GERMANIC EUROPE AND SWITZERLAND.

It will be recollected that at the time of my installation into office the arrangements to introduce the Order into Germany were fully made, which were reported by my immediate predecessor, and the proceedings in the premises, embracing the appointment of a Special Deputy Grand Sire, were approved, and authority was conferred upon the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, to do what they might deem right and proper to carry the object into effect. Soon after the adjournment of the last Session, I took occasion to address a letter to Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, P. G. M., of California, expressive of my high sense of his services as Special Deputy Grand Sire for that important field of labor, and most cordially reappointing him to that position. The correspondence thus opened between that distinguished officer and myself, powerfully reminded me of the fact, that this Grand Lodge had provided no pecuniary means for the prosperity of that mission. Notwithstanding the undertaking entered upon was under national auspices, so far as the organization of Lodges in Germany was contemplated, and the Grand Sire of the United States officially had himself embarked in this cause, and had reached the city of London in pursuance of the object, had by reason of circumstances beyond his control, and within your knowledge, failed to reach his destination, and had accomplished the presence, at London, of Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, P. G. M., then domiciled with his family at Dresden, by telegraphing to him at Dresden; had conferred with him as Grand Sire upon the subject of introducing the Order, on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States into Germany, inviting his acceptance of the office of Special Deputy Grand Sire, and duly commissioned him as such. Notwithstanding all these facts, and the further fact that Bro. MORSE had incurred large expense in responding to this telegram, by his presence, at London, and was forced to assume personal responsibility at every step of progress which he made in the discharge of his office, and had actually advanced from his private resources considerable sums of money, I was pained to know that the mission was languishing for want of funds. You may well imagine that I was very seriously embarrassed by this condition of things. Bro. MORSE had been duly commissioned as an officer of the Grand Lodge of the United States—the appointment had been approved and confirmed by the highest authority in the Order—he had entered upon his important duties, incurred pecuniary responsibilities, and needed, indispensably to success, considerable resources. There was no power to approach the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States; on the contrary, a positive inhibition had been made against such attempt. The splendid and generous appropriation of Templar Lodge having, as I learned, been expended in the attempt of the Grand Sire to reach Germany—for the purpose of giving his personal efforts to the work—no portion thereof having reached the hands of Bro. MORSE, the alternative stared me in the face of abandonment of the great enterprise, or of a manly and earnest effort to meet the crisis. Accordingly, I did not hesitate as to my duty after consultation with safe counsellors, on whom the Grand Lodge has long been accustomed to rely. I at once addressed a letter to several of the larger and more wealthy State Grand Jurisdictions through their respective Grand Secretaries, invoking their generous aid, a copy of which is annexed. To this appeal a prompt and liberal response was returned, and several thousand dollars were contributed and transmitted directly by them to Bro. MORSE, S. D. G. Sire, by whom it was duly received and most promptly and efficiently applied.* Inasmuch as you will, doubtless, have a detailed report from this ever-to-be-cherished and honored Grand Officer, of

*Since writing the above, Bro. MORSE has made a report of his doings, which is here-
with appended.

his acts and doings as Special Deputy Grand Sire for Germanic Europe and Switzerland, I do not propose to occupy your time in detailing the splendid fruits which have rewarded his unwearied labors in this behalf, farther than merely to state that four Lodges have been organized by him in Europe, and one Encampment, located and designated as follows :

Württemberg, No. 1, Stuttgart, Wurttemberg.

Germania, No. 1, Berlin, Prussia.

Saxonia, No. 1, Dresden, Saxony.

Helvetia, No. 1, Zurich, Switzerland.

Farnsworth Encampment, No. 1, at Berlin.

Bro. MORSE returned to the United States on the 19th of August, and brought information of the establishment of another Lodge, Borussia, No. 2, Berlin, Prussia.

I feel that I am wanting in words to suitably characterize my admiration of the manner in which Bro. Morse has performed his arduous and highly responsible office. Left entirely helpless, so to speak, by this Grand Body, in whose service he had engaged; without a dollar, when money was the *sine qua non* emphatically of all progress; far from all intercourse and means of consultation and advice with the authorities of this country, his course was very different from that which, in like circumstances, would have directed a great majority of men; he did not abandon his office and relieve himself of labor, anxiety, and responsibility; he buckled on the whole armor required for the ordeal before him, and recognized the fact that he was the representative of a living principle, of a sublime idea, a missionary of Peace, Love, and Fraternity, and this was the opportunity of "casting bread upon the waters to return after many days," he plunged careless of consequences to his pocket, his health, or his comfort, into a labor which had high cost him his life. Such moral heroism is rarely displayed among men, and has so lifted this good man above his fellows in our Order that he may well assure himself of the love, the prayers, and the benediction of his brethren in all time to come.

The correspondence with Brother MORSE by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary has been so voluminous that its magnitude precludes its entire publication. So much of it as is necessary for the special information of the Grand Lodge, accompanies the Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's Reports.

Before I close this subject I feel called upon to commend to the favorable notice of the Grand Lodge the valuable co-operation of several eminent public functionaries, as well of the German Government as of our own country, in aid of the establishment of our order in Germany. To Baron GEROLT, late Minister of the North German Union, we are greatly indebted for bringing our Institution to the notice of his Government, and thoroughly indorsing its character as a moral, benevolent, and law-abiding society, the influence of which friendly office materially facilitated the labors of our worthy Special Deputy Grand Sire, Brother JOHN F. MORSE. To GEORGE BANCROFT, American Minister at Berlin, we are under obligations for personally submitting our mission in Germany to the notice of the proper authorities of Prussia, and giving the aid of his official position. To the Prussian Government, which promptly removed every hindrance and obstacle from our way, and under whose general authority our Special Deputy Grand Sire proceeded to discharge his office, I feel that we should be ever grateful in view of the generous confidence reposed by it in our representations and good faith. To others whose names are unknown to me, we are also indebted for friendly aid and counsel, whose services our Brother MORSE will doubtless make known. To all of whom I trust the Grand Lodge will properly testify its acknowledgments.

AUSTRALASIA.

I have been much exercised concerning the welfare of the Order in Australasia during the past year, in consequence of the absence, until very recently, of intelligence from that Jurisdiction. I was apprehensive that we had perhaps failed to appreciate the value of this important acquisition and to testify with sufficient earnestness our concern for its prosperity. It will be recollected that a persistent application has been made by the Grand

Lodge of Victoria for a modification of the terms of the Charter granted to it by this Grand Body, in so far as related to the qualification for membership. The principal reason assigned by our brethren of that Continent for the change of qualification as to age, is the fact that it is the general law of the several organizations of Odd-Fellows and other secret benevolent Orders in that country to admit applicants for membership at eighteen years of age; that previous to the union of the Ancient Order of Independent Odd-Fellows with us and the acceptance of a Charter from us, it was also its custom to admit candidates at that age, and that the effect of the change has been seriously to prejudice it in this regard.

In relation to qualification as to color, they ask that the word "white" may be stricken out, for the reason that there exists in Australasia no prejudice or necessity such as doubtless suggested the adoption of this provision in this country, and think this subject should be left entirely to the local legislation of every Grand Body organized under our authority. Am satisfied that the earnestness with which this application is pressed, and the fact that it is again presented, means that it is regarded as vital to the success and permanent prosperity of the American order in that Jurisdiction. The communications received by myself and the Grand Secretary dwell with more particularity and urgency on this than on any other subject. My several letters to Bro. HENRY VINE, D. D. Grand Sire for Australasia, remained unanswered until very recently, when on the 9th day of August I had the pleasure of receiving a letter dated Melbourne, July 27, 1871, acknowledging the receipt of my favors of the 14th January, and of the 20th March, and also a package from Grand Secretary RIDGELY, containing the Revised Journals of the last Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for distribution among the Lodges of that Jurisdiction. This very interesting letter I hereto annex, together with my entire correspondence with D. D. Grand Sire VINE. Satisfactory explanation is made therein of the delay in replying to my communications. Assurance is given that nothing has occurred to disturb the harmony and prosperity of the Order in that part of the world; and reference is made to a desire to sever their Lodges from public houses, and to imitate our example in the erection and occupation of Odd-Fellows' Halls. Upon the subject of the modification of the Grand Charter of the Grand Lodges of Victoria and of New Zealand, in relation to the age and color of applicants, the following forcible language is held: "On perusing the Journal of Proceedings, which you so kindly sent me, I find that certain action was taken at the last Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States to relieve the Order here of disadvantages under which we suffer. This information I have conveyed to the members, and the universally expressed hope is that the Grand Lodge at its next Session will confirm the proposed alteration. If they do, I can assure the Grand Lodge of the United States that they will not find the Grand Lodges in Australia ungrateful, they well knowing that the concessions will be made in good faith, and in the spirit of brotherhood not to be idly abused, but to be used honorably in the furtherance of the grand principles which are some day destined to govern the entire globe." I commend this correspondence to your special attention.

Perhaps these important matters will be best disposed of with the general subject, which is under consideration, in relation to the name and style of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and of the proper status of Grand Bodies chartered by this Grand Lodge in foreign countries. It appears to me that these questions now press for adjustment with a power and necessity which can not longer be deferred. Our recent acquisitions in Germany and Switzerland, and the auspicious promise of the extension of the Order in South America, and many other distant lands, render it apparent that the time has arrived for defining with precision the true relation of all such organizations to the parent body.

By consulting our past legislation, it will be found that the Grand Lodge at a very early period, after a short experience of its relations with the Order established by it in foreign countries, adopted upon the suggestion of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a policy on this subject, which appears to have been eminently wise, viz., to recognize such Jurisdictions as Independent Nationalities or *quasi* sovereignties in Odd-Fellowship, subject only to specific reservations. These reservations were substantially

prescribed in the Charters granted for Australasia, and it is now found that some of them proved to be serious obstacles to the prosperity of the Order in that Jurisdiction. To relieve Australasia, and all other Foreign Grand Bodies, in this regard, I recommend that all reservations be rescinded, excepting the right, exclusively, on our part, to prescribe the Ritual and entire Work of the order, and to supply the A. T. P. W.; that all power touching the details of local government be surrendered to such Grand Bodies. In furtherance of this object, I also recommend that an amendment be made to the Constitution, to change the name and style of this Grand Lodge, so that it shall be distinguished and known as the "Grand Lodge of America, I. O. O. F.," having exclusive jurisdiction on the Continents of America, with absolute and supreme control over the Ritual and Work, and A. T. P. W., throughout the world. By this title the paternity or authorship of the Order would be vindicated, exclusive power over the Ritual and Work would be maintained, and the name of the Institution rendered harmonious and consistent with its area and extent. The time has gone by for discussion upon the merits of propagandism, by this Grand Body; for a series of years it has been the conceded mission of Odd-Fellowship, to occupy distant fields, and to diffuse itself far and wide. This idea has pervaded the legislation, and guided the general mind of the fraternity, as if by common consent. The truth is, any other theory would be but a localization of the order to a mere home mission, which would practically dwarf it into comparative insignificance. Its great prestige, and its highest claim to excellence as a Humanity, is inseparably interwoven with its extent of moral influence, and its universality of scope and grasp. In order to the immediate relief, however, of our brethren in Australasia, I respectfully recommend the adoption of the pending amendment to the Constitution, proposed by Rep. Fox, of California, page 4863, Journal.

Before I leave this subject, I may be permitted to remark that, in my judgment, care should be taken to thoroughly ground all Foreign Jurisdictions in the Work, and to instruct them carefully in the jurisprudence of the Order. Should the Order continue to expand, and be diffused through these instrumentalities, it is important that precision and accuracy should be maintained; otherwise, in process of time, from slight or comparatively unimportant innovations or departures from the text, inextricable confusion will follow. Our success depends in truth, in a great measure, upon strict uniformity in the Work. It would be wise, in this view of the subject, to authorize the appointment of a Special Commissioner, or Deputy Grand Sire, to visit officially such Jurisdictions, provided no expense thereby should be incurred by the Grand Lodge. Much greater facilities of intercommunication now exist than formerly, with Australia, and it is highly probable that, in the future, our correspondence will be more frequent and satisfactory.

I have remedied the difficulty in regard to the A. T. P. W., referred to by D. D. Grand Sire VINE, by sending him a Key.

WEST INDIES.

By resolution of the last Session, the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary were authorized to take such steps as they might deem expedient for the introduction of the Order into the West Indies. In conformity to that order, with the approbation of my colleagues, I addressed a letter, on the 7th day of November, 1870, to J. A. BBBY, author of the letter to the Grand Secretary from the Island of Barbadoes, in which I took occasion to refer to the reply of the Grand Secretary to his letter, and to invite his further attention to the subject. To this letter I received no reply. Herewith I present the correspondence on the subject.

VISITATIONS SOUTH.

In conformity with the expressed wish of the Grand Lodge, I made arrangements to visit all the Jurisdictions South, especially those I had not the pleasure of meeting with before.

On the 31st day of December, 1870, by special request of Representative

LATHAM, I instituted Culpepper Lodge, No. 142, at Culpepper, Va. This is a new organization and in a new field, and I take pleasure in reporting that the Lodges in the District of Columbia at my request contributed largely towards the formation of the Lodge, by donations of regalia and other necessary articles.

It was my intention to proceed farther South about the middle of February, but, unfortunately, disease came upon me. I was prostrated with a severe attack of Pneumonia and Pleurisy, which almost entirely incapacitated me for business until the early part of April. During this period I no doubt neglected many who had claims on me, not only in the way of correspondence connected with the Order, but in other respects. But the great interests of the Order did not suffer. **JAMES L. RIDGELY**, the Grand Secretary, kindly relieved my mind by attending to all important business for me. I make this brief explanation in justice to myself, and that this **R. W. Body**, and the Order at large, may know why my record of service for the past year has not been more in accordance with what was expected of me.

Hardly able to travel, I left my home early in April, and on the 11th visited Stuart Lodge, No. 141, at Manchester, Va., a new Lodge, composed of young and energetic men, fired with an ardent desire to promote the interests of our Order. 12th and 13th, by special invitation, attended the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, at Richmond, and on 14th the Grand Encampment of the State. The Sessions of both bodies were better attended than at any time since the war, and I am pleased to say that there were abundant proofs of prosperity in the State. While in Richmond I visited Schiller Lodge, No. 139, organized by myself less than two years ago, and now one of the most prosperous Lodges in the State, having a membership of over one hundred solid men. On the 17th of April attended a joint meeting of Manteo Lodge, No. 8, and Seaton Gales Lodge, No. 64, at Raleigh, N. C. Found the Order in Raleigh flourishing. Seaton Gales Lodge had only been instituted a few months. 18th, attended a meeting of the members of Mecklinburg Declaration Lodge, No. 9, at Charlotte, N. C. I regret to say this Lodge is not doing well, but it will survive and prosper. 20th, met with Mountain Lodge, No. 19, at Lincoln, N. C., which the State authorities did not know was in existence. Talked kindly to the brothers, and encouraged them to go on in the cause. Communicated with the G. M. of the State in regard to this Lodge, and also in reference to the Lodge at Charlotte. 22d April, attended a mass meeting of the Lodges in Atlanta, Ga., viz.: Central, No. 28, Barnes, No. 55, and Capitol, No. 59, the latter instituted since my visit to that city last July, and found that all were doing well. On the 25th attended a joint meeting of Montgomery Lodge, No. 6, and Harmoni Lodge, No. 56, at Montgomery, Ala. On the 26th, the Fraternity in that city celebrated the day at a pic-nic, which afforded me an opportunity of spending some happy hours with the members of the Order and their families. Early in the evening of the same day, I met the members of the Rebekah Degree Lodge, and had a pleasant hour with them; and later, the same evening, I attended a Session of St. Paul's Encampment, No. 2, which was made very interesting by the presence of a large number of Patriarchs. May 1st, had the pleasure of meeting with the members of Pensacola Lodge, No. 4, Pensacola, and Mechanics' Lodge, No. 8, of Warrenton, Florida, in a new and elegant hall, recently erected by the Order in Pensacola. Both these Lodges have been re-opened since my last visit to the State, in June, 1870, and are doing well. May 3d, attended a mass meeting of the Lodges in Mobile, Ala., viz.: Alabama, No. 1, Union, No. 13, Commercial, No. 57, and Teutonia, No. 68. On the 4th, met with Ararat Encampment, No. 1, and Germania Encampment, No. 17, and the same evening attended a meeting of the Rebekah Degree Lodge. On the 6th met with the members of Wilkey Encampment, No. 1, at New Orleans, La. On the 8th visited Union Lodge, No. 6; on the 9th Magnolia Lodge, No. 22; and the same evening, Teutonia Lodge, No. 10. On the 10th attended a mass meeting of all the Lodges in New Orleans (23 in number). On the 11th visited Independence Lodge, No. 23, and the same evening Orient Lodge, No. 46. 12th, visited Germania Lodge, No. 29. On the 13th attended a special meeting

of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, and afterwards, same evening, met *en masse* representatives from the various Sub. Encampments in the city, five in number. May 15, visited Capitol Lodge, No. 11, Jackson, Miss. 17th, visited Vicksburg Encampment, No. 2, at Vicksburg, Miss., and on the 18th attended a mass meeting of the members of Warren Lodge, No. 3, and Macon Lodge, No. 8, at Vicksburg. 22d, attended a joint meeting of Far West Lodge, No. 1, and Pike Lodge, No. 12, at Little Rock, Ark. 23d, attended Pike Lodge, No. 12, regular session. 24th, attended Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, Little Rock, and participated in conferring the degrees. 25th May, met with the members of the Order in Memphis, Tenn., variously assembled. First, Ruth Rebekah Degree Lodge, afterwards, the members of the Sub. Lodges, Chickasaw, No. 8, Schiller, No. 146, and Banner, No. 147, called together for the occasion, and still later, same evening, met with the members of Gayosa Encampment, No. 3, and Memphis Encampment, No. 39.

Although I had devoted as much time to the Southern Jurisdictions as I intended this year, an earnest appeal from G. Rep. W. L. SMITH, D. D., Grand Sire for N. C., to be present at the Session of the Grand Lodge of that State, induced me to change my plans. On the 19th of July, I had the pleasure of meeting with the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of N. C., in Annual Session at Raleigh, and was cheered with the manifestations expressed by the Representatives from all quarters of the Jurisdiction, in regard to our beloved Order. The Session continued three days, and I remained with the brethren during the whole time, giving instructions in the Secret Work, and rendering such other assistance as was in my power. On the evening of the 19th, attended a mass meeting of the Lodges in Raleigh, viz.: Manteo, No. 8, and Seaton Gales Lodge, No. 64. There were a large number of brethren present, including the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the State; carefully exemplified the Work, and had a friendly talk with the brothers. On the evening of the 20th, visited Seaton Gales Lodge, No. 64, regular session, which was largely attended, the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the State being present, as well as most of the members of Manteo Lodge, numbering in all not less than 150. This was an interesting occasion, which, I trust, will be of lasting benefit to the Order in the State. At an initiation in this Lodge, I had the honor to preside, Bro. FARNSWORTH, P. G. Sire, acting as P. G., Rep. W. L. SMITH acting as V. G., and SEATON GALES, the Grand Master of the State, acting as Conductor. A better exemplification of the mode of conducting an initiation could not have been given.

On the evening of the 21st, attended a special session of McKee Encampment, No. 15, Raleigh, and witnessed the conferring of the R. P. Degree. Gave the Patriarchs full instructions in the work, and urged them to a strict compliance with our laws, and a steady adherence to the spirit as well as the letter of our Ritual. This visit I regard as very opportune, for there were in attendance Representatives from all the Encampments in the State, who will, it is hoped, carry the Work correctly to their respective localities.

In summing up my labors South, I may be expected to give an account of the condition of the Order, especially where I had the pleasure of visiting. The Grand Secretary's Report is invariably so complete and full of valuable information in regard to the status of the Order in all the Jurisdictions, that any remarks I may make may appear superfluous. I must, however, congratulate Virginia upon the progress made in that State during the past year, in both branches of the Order. New Lodges and new Encampments have been established, and a revival of interest is manifested everywhere.

The same may be said of North Carolina. Under the management of the late Grand Master, SEATON GALES, and the D. D. Grand Sire, Rep. W. L. SMITH, the Order in that State, in both branches, has taken a start, and will soon be in a highly prosperous condition. The present Grand Master, J. H. BAKER, is an energetic, warm-hearted Odd-Fellow, and will, with his associate Grand Officers, do all in his power to advance the interests of the cause in his State.

I may here remark that the Patriarchs in that State are very anxious to have a Grand Encampment. The Grand Encampment of the State ceased to exist during the war. Since the re-union of 1865, three Subordinate En-

campments have been instituted in that State by this R. W. Body, and are now working with three Encampments instituted by the Grand Encampment of the State.

I hope that this R. W. Body will remit the amount due it from the late Grand Encampment of North Carolina, and authorize the Patriarchs to again open the Grand Encampment.

In Georgia, Odd-Fellowship is flourishing. I regret that neither my time nor my health would permit me to travel far in that State.

In Alabama the Order is doing well. If I could have gone into the interior of the State, I am satisfied that new life might have been infused into the members. The brothers need encouragement, and they shall have it, if in my power.

My personal knowledge of the condition of the Order in Florida is confined to the western extreme. There the two Lodges recently revived are doing well. When I was in the State a year ago, the Order was very low; there are now five Lodges, with a prospect of increasing the number.

In Louisiana the Order may be considered as prosperous. My experience was with the Lodges and Encampments of New Orleans, where the brethren of the twenty-three Lodges and five Encampments are doing all they can to elevate the Institution. There is much to say in praise of the brethren of this State, who, for philanthropy, benevolence, and hospitality, can not be surpassed. The establishment of the Widows' and Orphans' General Relief Association in 1864, which embraces in the compact all the Lodges in the State, was a noble act, deserving of the richest encomiums. The funds on hand amount to \$12,000, profitably invested, yielding a revenue this past year of \$3,160, \$1,580 of which was distributed to the Lodges pro rata, and the balance, \$1,580, reserved as a sinking fund, thus yearly augmenting the principal at least 10 per cent. Besides this magnificent charity, the New Orleans brothers have a General Relief Fund (now about \$5,000), which is at the disposal of a Committee, who care for the stranger Odd-Fellow wherever he may hail from.

The burial places, tombs and vaults owned by the various Lodges in New Orleans, were constructed at a cost of not less than \$50,000, and stand as monuments to the glory and renown of our matchless Institution. The Grand Master F. PRISTER, and Grand Patriarch J. WALKER, reside in New Orleans, and set a worthy example as Odd-Fellows, to their constituency.

In Mississippi Odd-Fellowship is on the march; five Lodges have been established and one resuscitated during the past year, making 45 in all. Grand Master BIRCHETT is an energetic Odd-Fellow and will make his mark. Nearly all the Encampments in the State (22) are doing well.

In Arkansas Odd-Fellowship, under Grand Master HAWKS, is highly prosperous, and this is mainly due to a few energetic, warm-hearted men, whose souls are wrapped up in the mission of the Order. During the past year five Lodges were instituted and one revived, making 29 active Lodges, June 1st this year. There are seven Encampments in the State all doing well, and owing their prosperity and present flourishing condition to the untiring energy of D. D. Grand Sire HOOPER, Past Rep. COHEN, and a few others, who spare no pains and shrink from no trouble to advance the interest of this branch of the Order. D. D. Grand Sire HOOPER is deserving of special commendation.

From my limited observation in Tennessee, I can say but little about the Order in that State generally. In Memphis it is flourishing, and from my knowledge of the character of the leading men in that part of the State, I have no hesitation in saying that we may rely upon success in the future.

VISITATIONS NORTH.

Desirous of promoting the interests of the Order everywhere, I determined during the past year, in compliance with your request, to visit Lodges and Encampments, Grand and Subordinate, northward, when invited, or when opportunity occurred, without invitation, trusting that my presence would be agreeable wherever I went, and I have no fault to find in that respect. In this connection I have to state that I have been obliged to decline many invitations, in consequence of having made previous engagements.

October 14th, visited Kenton Lodge, No. 24, at Covington, Ky., and on the 22d attended a mass meeting of the Lodges in Lexington, Ky. On the 26th, by request, attended the session of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, at Louisville, and on the following day met with the Grand Encampment of the State. On the 28th met with the Lodges *en masse* at New Albany, Indiana. 29th met with Good Intent Lodge, Covington, Ky., members of other Lodges in the city, and Magnolia, of Cincinnati, Ohio, being present. On the 12th November attended a regular session of Apollo Lodge, Philadelphia. On the 15th, by invitation, attended the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, at Trenton, and on the 16th the Grand Lodge of the State. On the 17th met with South Trenton Lodge, No. 36, Trenton. On the 18th attended a regular session of Palestine Encampment, No. 6, New York City. On the 21st met with Atlantic Lodge, No. 50, Brooklyn, N. Y. By special invitation from the Order in Rochester, N. Y., and at the earnest request of the Grand Master of the State, DANIEL WOOD, I visited the Lodges in that city, as follows: November 23d, Humboldt Lodge, No. 38. 24th, Monroe Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 1. 25th, Genesee Lodge, No. 3. 26th, Monroe Degree Lodge, No. 12, and the same evening Mount Hope Encampment, No. 2. 28th, Teutonia Lodge, No. 8, and 29th, Rochester City Lodge, No. 66.

On the 13th of December I had the pleasure of instituting Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, at Montreal, Province of Quebec.

The establishment of a Lodge in the Province of Quebec (formerly Canada East) is deserving of more than a mere passing notice. It will be remembered that the Order, which had flourished from 1844 in the Canadas and Lower Provinces, a part of the time in an independent capacity, with certain reservations held by this R. W. Body, ceased to have a name and existence in Canada East in 1853; and further, that attempts were subsequently made by this R. W. Body to revive the Order in that part of Her Majesty's domains. In 1855 a strenuous effort was made in that direction, and again in 1857, without success. Having been honored with the appointment of Special Commissioner in 1857 to that region by Grand Sire SANDERS, I became acquainted with the views of a number of persons who had been connected with the Order in Montreal, and being satisfied that at no distant period our banner would again be unfurled in Canada East, (Province of Quebec,) I made frequent efforts to arouse the brethren and to induce them to open a Lodge. My efforts proved fruitless until the latter end of November, 1870, when I received a letter from Grand Secretary KING, of Ontario (formerly Canada West), enclosing one from a brother in Montreal, setting forth that there was a sufficient number of brothers residing in that city to form a Lodge, and asking that a Dispensation might be granted to open one. I immediately repaired to Montreal, had an interview with the brethren asking for the Dispensation: and, after consulting with a number of the old members of the Grand Lodge of British North America, and persuading them to again buckle on the armor, I determined to open the Lodge. The interests of the Order in that Province were confided to GEORGE VAREY, P. G. of the Jurisdiction of Ontario, who has proved to be an efficient officer, and it is believed that at no distant period the Order will extend throughout the Province.

February 2d, 1871, by request of the Grand Master of Massachusetts, I visited the Grand Lodge of that State at Boston, and on the evening of the same day attended Covenant Lodge, No. 16, Boston. On the 3d visited Massasoit Encampment, No. 1, Boston.

June 22d instituted the Grand Encampment of Vermont at Rutland, and am delighted to say that the prospect of success in this branch of the Order in the "Green Mountain State" is very cheering. Same evening attended Otter Creek Encampment, No. 7, and assisted in conferring the three degrees. The meeting was well attended. Representatives from all the Encampments in the State (five) being present, including the Grand Patriarch and all the other Grand Officers. 23d, attended a special meeting of Killington Lodge, No. 29, at Rutland; a delegation being present, by invitation, from Pico Lodge, Cuttingville. 26th, visited Wantastiquet Lodge, No. 5, at Brattleboro, and there had the pleasure of meeting with brothers from Alethian Lodge of Shelburn Falls, Massachusetts; Beaver Brook Lodge of

Keene, New Hampshire; De Soto Lodge of Springfield, Massachusetts; Fredonia Lodge of Sherley, Massachusetts; Potcomptuc Lodge of Greenfield, Massachusetts; and Centre Lodge of Chester, Vermont, who were present by special invitation of the Brattleboro brothers. The attendance was very large. On the 27th, by special request, visited Beaver Brook Lodge, No. 36, at Keene, New Hampshire; a delegation from Pequig Lodge, No. 50, Melbourne, New Hampshire, being present. 28th, attended a regular session of Ark Lodge, No. 28, New York, where a goodly number of members of other Lodges had assembled to meet me.

By special invitation I visited the members of the Order in Camden, New Jersey. August 10th, attended a regular meeting of Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 29; a large number of brethren were present, and the evening was profitably spent. At a later period—the same evening—participated in the ceremony of instituting Stuart Encampment, No. 51, the Grand Patriarch of the State officiating.

On the evening of the 11th of August attended a regular session of Camden Encampment, No. 12—25th anniversary—and spent a most agreeable hour with the Patriarchs, who seemed to have a thorough knowledge of the work.

Everywhere I visited, north and south, the Work was carefully exemplified, and instructions given in the mode of initiating and conferring the Degrees, in both branches of the Order. I was much pleased to find a growing desire on the part of the officers and members generally wherever I went to be put in possession of the Secret Work, and to be made fully acquainted with their respective duties. In some Lodges and Encampments great pains have evidently been taken to acquire the Work, and these I always found to be the most prosperous, while, on the other hand, where there was no apparent desire to work well, there were palpable evidences of decay.

I did not intend to comment specially upon the efficiency or inefficiency of any particular Lodge or Encampment, or community; but I must in justice to the members of the Order in Rochester, New York, say that I never saw initiations conducted with greater propriety, more solemnity, and more strictly in conformity with the letter and spirit of the Ritual and Secret Work than those I witnessed in Toronto Lodge, No. 8, and Rochester City Lodge, No. 66. The officers of these Lodges are deserving of the highest commendation.

I cannot close these remarks without expressing my heartfelt thanks to the brethren everywhere I have been for their kindness, courtesy, and genuine hospitality to me. From Grand Masters, Grand Patriarchs, Grand Representatives, and other Grand Officers, wherever I met them, I received every assistance in furtherance of my mission; and I am much indebted to many Past Grand Representatives and other Past Officers, among them G. W. RACE, P. G. Sire, and E. H. FITZHUGH, P. D. G. Sire, for the valuable support they gave me.

To individualize more particularly, would unnecessarily prolong this Report, and I must conclude by saying that I might name many in this connection who deserve favorable notice.

VISITATIONS BY THE GRAND SIRE.

In reference to the visitations of the Grand Sire, I trust that I may be pardoned, if I exhibit greater interest and attach more importance to the subject than would seem to be necessary: whatever may be the opinions of others, I am convinced of their practical utility, and I think if the Order at large could speak, my views would be fully indorsed. At the last Session of the Grand Lodge the Grand Sire was directed to visit all the Southern Jurisdictions, and he was authorized also to visit northward when invited, or when, in his judgment, such visits would be beneficial to the Order. This being known to the brotherhood, demands were made upon the Grand Sire from every quarter, showing the interest felt by the members in this matter, and their desire to avail themselves of the opportunity given to them to meet the Chief Executive of the Order. What benefit has resulted from the visits already made is not for me to say—the records of this R. W. Body will

answer. If good has been done, the practice should be continued, and full authority should be given to the Grand Sire and other Grand Officers to go wherever the banner of Odd-Fellowship has been unfurled; and furthermore, the Lodges—that is the members—should not be taxed to defray the expenses of the visiting officers—that should be paid out of the treasury of this R. W. Body.

This is a delicate subject. I speak not for myself, but for those who are to follow me. If the Grand Sire can not himself devote the time, he should be authorized to appoint one or more competent brothers.

I am satisfied that a visit from the Grand Sire to each of the State Grand Bodies while in Session, if he could do no more, would largely promote the interests of the Order and be the means eventually of establishing uniformity in the Work.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRES.

In justice to the worthy brothers who have held office in the above capacity during the past year, I take pleasure in saying that they have acted well their parts. Each according to his means and opportunity has contributed largely to the prosperity and harmony of the Order in their respective localities. To Bros. O. P. HOOPER, of Arkansas; SEWELL MORSE, of Vermont, and W. L. SMITH, of North Carolina, with whom I was personally thrown in contact, I feel under many obligations for their attention to me while in their Jurisdictions. Bros. C. P. ELDER, of Colorado; T. J. KINKAID, of Dakota; C. DUNAVAN, of Montana; A. B. CLARK, of Florida; JOHN RITTER, of New Mexico; C. D. STRONG, of Minnesota; ST. JOHN GOODRICH, of Nebraska; and CHARLES IVES, of the Lower Provinces; the other District Deputies are deserving of commendation for their devotion to the interests of the Order, and for the faithful performance of their duties.

DECISIONS.

A great many questions have been submitted to me touching the laws, written and unwritten, as well as the usages of the Order, during the recess—all were more or less important to the parties inquiring; most of them involved principles well understood, and are therefore not submitted for your action. Those which require your review are as follows:

The initiation of a candidate is only complete (finished) when he has been introduced to the Lodge.

First. When an officer is under charges, his functions as such cease until the question of his guilt or innocence has been determined by the Lodge.

Second. A Noble Grand has no right to refuse to put any legitimate question to his Lodge—his differing with the Lodge has nothing to do with the matter.

Third. It is a brother's right to vote a secret ball ballot; he may conceal or expose the character of his vote at his pleasure.

Fourth. Every brother present in a Lodge or Encampment is obliged to vote on all questions, unless excused by the Lodge or Encampment; and no particular number of votes is necessary so long as a quorum is present.

Fifth. There is no reason why persons akin to each other, no matter how close the relation, should not hold office at the same time in the same Lodge.

Sixth. Officers elect having been examined in the ante-room, when they enter for installation do not address the chairs.

Seventh. There is no law against installing officers of Subordinate Lodges in any suitable hall outside the Lodge room, provided the form of Public Installation is used.

Eighth. Questions of law must go from Subordinate Lodges to the District Deputies or Grand Masters. After a Grand Master has decided a question for a Subordinate Lodge, said Lodge, if not satisfied, can only seek redress by an appeal, properly presented, to the Grand Lodge; and said Lodge must abide the decision of the Grand Master, until said decision is reversed by the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction.

Ninth. A subordinate Lodge is the proper tribunal to try all cases of delinquency when the charge is cognizable under the laws.

Tenth. A brother withdrawing from his Lodge for the purpose of establishing (with others) a new Lodge, and failing to appear when the Lodge

is instituted, can not be considered as one of the Charter members. If he wishes to join that, or any other Lodge, his Card must be presented regularly, and he must be balloted for according to law.

Eleventh. No Lodge or Encampment has a right to refuse a Dismissal Certificate to a suspended member who makes proper application for the same. The Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States insure to him this right, and Subordinate Bodies must conform to them.

Twelfth. No brother can visit the Grand Lodge of the United States except upon a voucher of a Representative from the State from which he hails; and no Representative is authorized to vouch for any visitor unless he is in good standing in his Lodge and Encampment, is a Past Grand and in possession of the Royal Purple Degree, and by being a Past Grand is meant having the Grand Lodge Degree—inasmuch as it would be absurd to admit a visitor to the Grand Lodge of the United States who was not qualified to visit a State Grand Body.

Thirteenth. A Grand Lodge of a State has no power to appoint a committee of the Grand Lodge to try a brother of a Subordinate Lodge. It may, however, order a Subordinate Lodge to try a member, and to the order the Subordinate Lodge must yield obedience.

Fourteenth. A Lodge may appoint or elect a Chaplain, and he would be called an officer, because he holds an office; but holding that office would not make him eligible for an elective office.

Fifteenth. All voting in a Subordinate Lodge and Degree Lodges, is by the U. S. of an O. F., *unless otherwise provided*. The exception is "not alone to a ballot for membership," as the decision of the Grand Sire 1869 would seem to indicate, but to advancing to Degrees, granting Withdrawal Cards, suspending or expelling members and reinstating them, electing officers, reconsidering a ballot for membership, when the yeas and nays are ordered, etc., in which cases provision is made by law for voting otherwise.

Sixteenth. The Honors are given to Elective and Past Grand Officers, visiting outside of their own Jurisdictions, after they have been recognized (addressed the chairs) and have been introduced to the Noble Grand by name and rank.

Seventeenth. The Grand Sire has no authority to revive a defunct Encampment instituted by a Grand Encampment which is itself defunct.

Eighteenth. Any brother who has retired and wishes to re-enter the Lodge, (the same evening,) may use the Vice Grand's P. W., or the P. W. of the current term for that purpose.

Nineteenth. The Warden's position is in front of the R. S. of the Noble Grand, and he cannot deliver his charge from any other place without a violation of law.

Twentieth. A Past Grand Master has a right to announce his title as such, at the inner door, when visiting a Subordinate Lodge on ordinary occasions, but he is not entitled to the Honors of the Order, unless he visits on official business, which he should announce. Rank refers to the highest grade or title attained.

Twenty-first. Members holding expired Withdrawal Cards are competent applicants for Charters for new Lodges, and there is no limit to the age of the Card.

Twenty-second. A member of one Lodge can prefer charges against a member of another Lodge. He may submit his complaint to his own Lodge, which should demand or request an investigation of the charges by the Lodge to which the brother charged belongs. Or, the brother complaining may place the charges in the hands of any member of the Lodge to which the accused belongs, and the said brother would have a right and should lay them before his Lodge, and the Lodge should take action.

Twenty-third. There is no law preventing members holding Dismissal Certificates from being applicants for Charters for new Lodges.

Twenty-fourth. There is no authority for an Elective Officer of a State Grand Body to introduce into a Subordinate Lodge a brother holding an expired Withdrawal Card—it cannot be done legally.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been issued for the following Grand Encampments, Subordinate Encampments and Subordinate Lodges during the recess :

Grand Encampment of Minnesota, May 4, 1871, located at St. Paul.
 Grand Encampment of Vermont, June 5, 1871, located at Rutland.
 Rowan Encampment, No. 4, November 14, 1870, located at Salisbury, North Carolina.
 Golden Rule Encampment, No. 8, December 19, 1870, located at Searcy, Arkansas.
 Strong Encampment, No. 6, February 15, 1871, located at Hastings, Minnesota.
 Otter Creek Encampment, No. 7, February 29, 1871, located at Rutland, Vermont.
 Bald Mountain Encampment, No. 4, March 1, 1871, located at Nevada City, Colorado.
 Saline Encampment, No. 4, April 7, 1871, located at Lincoln, Nebraska.
 McKee Encampment, No. 15, April 17, 1871, located at Raleigh, North Carolina.
 ——— Encampment, No. 2, June 30, 1871, located at Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory.
 Wurttemburg Lodge, No. 1, December 1, 1870, located at Stuttgart, Wurttemburg.
 Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, December 13, 1870, located at Montreal, Province of Quebec.
 Cottonwood Lodge, No. 2, April 22, 1871, located at Deer Lodge City, Montana.
 Bannack Lodge, No. 3, April 24, 1871, located at Bannack City, Montana Territory.
 Reports have been received of the institution of most of these Lodges, which will be laid before you.
 Application has been made to the Grand Secretary, in due form, by a number of Patriarchs, for a Dispensation to open an Encampment at Fair Play, Colorado Territory. As the time of meeting of the Grand Lodge was so near at hand, it was deemed proper to await its action on the application. The papers are in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AMERICA.

An application was received from Lima, Peru, South America, for a Charter for a Subordinate Lodge, in January last. In view of the character of the population, the distance from us, and the want of proper information as to the security or protection which might be expected from the Government or local authorities, I devolved upon the Grand Secretary, in consequence of my intention to go South, the duty of preliminary inquiries on these subjects. I also issued a special commission to Bro. LEWIS SOHER, P. G. P., of California, to act in conjunction with the Grand Secretary.

I am gratified in saying that as a result of these inquiries, I authorized a Warrant to be issued in blank to the Special Commissioner, Bro. LEWIS SOHER, P. G. P., of California, to be transmitted by him, in his discretion, to the applicants. The correspondence on the subject accompanies the Report of the Grand Secretary, which I commend to your attention. I beg to make my acknowledgements to Bro. LEWIS SOHER, Special Commissioner, and to the Grand Secretary, for the very satisfactory manner in which this important service was performed.

PROCLAMATIONS.

Pursuant to the practice of my predecessors, I issued my proclamation, setting apart the 26th day of April, 1871, as a day of general Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for His continued favor to our Institution, and I am pleased to say, that the occasion was universally observed as such. A copy of the Proclamation is hereto appended.

At the last Session the decision of Grand Sire FARNSWORTH, in the words following, was confirmed: "That no Regalia is legitimate except that prescribed by law—*chapeaux, crooks, swords, and belts, and all military paraphernalia* not so prescribed, are accordingly inadmissible."

This decision, with others, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, who reported the same to the Grand Lodge, with an amendment,

adding to the decision the words *as Regalia*, so that the decision would read as proposed to be amended, "That no Regalia is legitimate, except that prescribed by law, chapeaux, crooks, swords and belts, and all military paraphernalia, not so prescribed, are accordingly inadmissible *as Regalia*." The amendment was not only redundant, but calculated to impair the force of the decision by a qualification, the effect of which, whether so designed or not, was to relieve it from the positive definition which is made of "chapeaux, crooks, swords and belts, and all military paraphernalia," worn by Odd-Fellows in procession as "*Regalia*," which as such it positively prohibits. This being readily perceived by the Grand Lodge, the report was recommitted to the committee with instructions to report the decision *verbatim et literatim*, as made by Grand Sire FARNSWORTH; this was accordingly done, the report was adopted; and the decision confirmed. Under this decision "chapeaux, crooks, swords and belts, and all military paraphernalia, were described as *Regalia*, and as such forbidden, because not authorized by the law defining the Regalia of the Order." If the question had been presented under this state of things, whether chapeaux, crooks, swords and belts could be legitimately worn in an Odd-Fellows' procession, it is believed, no two opinions on the subject could exist. The prohibition was positive and mandatory. At a subsequent period of the Sessions, the friends of the rejected amendment, anxious to get rid of the prohibition of chapeaux, sought to attain the object by indirection, to which end the following resolution was referred to the Legislative Committee:

"Resolved, That Subordinate Encampments, when they appear in public, may wear such *uniform* style of head-dress as may be approved by the Grand Patriarch of the Jurisdiction."

The Legislative Committee reported that the Grand Lodge has decided that chapeaux, crooks, swords and belts are inadmissible *as Regalia*. "We do not understand that it is proposed to adopt any head-dress as a Regalia of the order, but simply to secure in a given locality a uniformity in that portion of the dress of persons appearing in public procession. We think this would not be a violation of any law of the Order, and recommend the adoption of the resolution." This report with the resolution was adopted. Under this legislation authority has been claimed and exercised, to wear in procession the very specific costume, to-wit: Chapeaux, crooks, swords and belts, and military paraphernalia, which the Grand Lodge had already declared to be *Regalia*, and as such inadmissible. Having been called upon by the Grand Patriarch of Maine and several others for an opinion and advice on the subject, I replied that such a claim was wholly unwarranted, and that such articles of costume or dress in an Odd-Fellows' procession were illegitimate.

Being informed that, nevertheless, in the face of my decision, which, under the constitution, was the law of the case until reversed, it was the persistent purpose of certain Patriarchs to wear such costume under color "of a uniform head-dress," I issued my Proclamation peremptorily forbidding the wearing of chapeaux, crooks, swords and belts, and other military paraphernalia, in any procession of Odd-Fellows, a copy of which is annexed. I am pained exceedingly, Representatives, to report that neither respect for your Grand Sire, nor for the Grand Body of which he is the mere representative head, nor for the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which renders his decisions during the recess binding, nor for the obligations of obedience and subordination to law which are assumed at every chair, and upon taking every degree, could restrain some of our brethren from appearing in procession wearing chapeaux, swords, belts and gauntlets. I have no issue with the Legislative Committee on this subject; on the contrary, I cordially concur with it, in what I hold to be the true and legitimate meaning of their report. The simple question to be determined is whether a chapeau, et cetera, worn by a Patriarch in an Odd-Fellows' procession is or is not a part of the *Regalia* which distinguishes him as such; if yea, there is no room for argument, since *as Regalia* the chapeau is positively prohibited by law. What is *Regalia*? Without entering into a philological analysis of the word, let us take its significance in common parlance. I understand *Regalia*, in connection with any organized association, or society of men, to mean the dress or apparel worn by the membership on public occasions, and which

is peculiar to the body. In fact, the words uniform and Regalia are synonymous when applied to the *peculiar* apparel or dress of any organization or community of men, whether civil or military; they have a special and technical meaning, and are obviously understood to designate membership in such society, and sometimes, as with us, to show the grade or rank of the member. The uniform of an Odd-Fellow is his Regalia, and the Regalia of an Odd-Fellow is his uniform, so that the dress worn on public occasions by Odd-Fellows, which distinguishes them from the plain apparel of a citizen, is their *uniform or Regalia*. The design of the Committee doubtless was that any style of head-dress which *citizens* were accustomed to wear, might be made uniform, so as to preserve harmony, symmetry and fitness of things. Thus, if hats were worn, all should be of one shape and color or material; if caps were worn, a like conformity should be maintained, and doubtless the power might have been further extended by enacting uniformity in the ordinary citizen's dress of the *body*, as well as of the head. It was never designed that under color of a *uniform head-dress*, chapeaux, which are understood to be a military apparel, should be worn in the face of a law which forbids them, and all *military paraphernalia*, as inadmissible in an Odd-Fellows' procession. Regarding therefore the construction attempted to be placed on the resolutions of the Legislative Committee as unwarranted, I unhesitatingly discharged what I considered to be my duty in the premises, having in view only the vindication of and a proper maintenance of our laws. If I have erred, Representatives, you are my judges and superiors; it will be your prerogative to put me right, and my duty to acquiesce in your better judgment. If I am right, I trust you will administer a just rebuke to the spirit of insubordination which has assumed to ignore the constitutional authority of the Grand Sire.

While on this subject, I beg to say, that I am in favor of an improved Regalia for the Patriarchial branch, especially in the matter of "head-dress," and believing that there is talent and genius enough in our Order to conceive and elaborate with skill and taste this idea, without borrowing from or poaching upon the Regalia of other societies, I recommend that this subject be referred to the consideration of a Special Committee.

DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

Whatever may be the opinion of some as to the merits of this branch of our Order, and its fitness as an agent in the fulfillment of the great objects of the Institution, I am of the opinion, that as it is a part of the Work of the Order, though not integral, something is yet to be done to make it what it was intended to be. In the first place it should be universal—it should not be left to State Grand Bodies to adopt it or not, at pleasure. Every Lodge should be in possession of it, to render it universally serviceable and effective for good. It can not be denied that it has already proved to be a great benefit in many sections of the country. The present law, compelling Rebekah Degree Lodges to receive into membership the wife of every Scarlet Degree member in good standing in his Lodge who may apply, without subjecting the applicant to the ordeal of the ballot-box, is regarded as unjust and inconsistent with the laws of our Order. I recommend that regularly constituted Rebekah Degree Lodges be authorized to pass laws admitting to membership males and females by a majority vote, and that the Certificate be so amended as to permit it to be issued by Subordinate Lodges as well as by Rebekah Degree Lodges.

THE PRESS OF THE ORDER.

I cannot forbear doing an act of justice to those worthy brothers who are engaged in the conduct of the press of our Order. They are employing their time, means, and intellect in a work which is doing great good, not only by enlightening the public mind upon the moral and benevolent principles which characterize the Institution, but also in disseminating a knowledge of its organization, laws, government and general usefulness. There is evidently an increasing desire among the brethren in many localities, to become instructed in the principles and laws of the Order, and this disposition deserves encouragement. Each State Grand Body, as well as each Sub-

ordinate, should have on file one or more of these publications. In this connection, I suggest that the Grand Lodge subscribe for each of the periodicals now being issued, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay for the same; I make the recommendation for the reason that in my judgment our Order has been, and is now being, greatly benefited by this powerful arm of the service; that struggling as it does for the most part for support, it is our duty as well as our interest to extend it a helping hand. There is no reason whatever why the Grand Lodge of the United States should receive gratuitously from the periodical press copies of its publications; nor is there propriety in using this vehicle as a source of official communication free of expense. I also recommend that the subject of our periodical press be referred to a Special Committee, for the purpose of considering what, if any, material aid can be given to it, and what is the duty of the Grand Lodge in presenting its just claims to every Lodge and Encampment in the Order. It would be entirely supererogatory for me to enter into any argument at this time in behalf of the value of the public press. Everybody knows its power, its influence, and the enormous rewards which society derives from its labors. Its advantages to Odd-Fellowship are so apparent and valuable that it is now recognized by the Brotherhood everywhere as one of our most potent levers, and as an indispensable auxiliary in the cause. It would be obviously invidious to discriminate as to the relative value of these important instrumentalities, and no recommendation in this behalf, however distinguished the source from which it may emanate, will avail with half the power or influence which intrinsic excellence and character will always promptly challenge. Each must stand or fall upon its individual merit, and to this fraternal rivalry must all buckle on their armor. As they are equally interested in the welfare of the Order, each should be alike the recipients of the favor of the Grand Lodge of the United States; each should be recognized as its organ when the interests of the fraternity make it necessary to call on them for that purpose.

SCHOOLS, ASYLUMS, LIBRARIES AND CHARITY FUND.

I beg leave to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the remarks of the late Grand Sire in reference to these interesting objects, and to say that, in my opinion, too much can not be spoken in favor of encouraging the Order at large to seize upon every opportunity, and to employ every means consistent with its ability to enlarge its usefulness, by establishing Schools, Asylums and Libraries; and I would add a word in favor of General Relief Associations or Charity Funds, which, wherever instituted, have proved of incalculable benefit to those whose necessities have made them recipients of relief. The noble undertaking of the members of the Order in Tennessee, Kentucky, California, New York and Michigan in the interest of the widow, orphan, and superannuated, by founding Asylums, and the efforts being made in other States in this direction, commend our brothers to the admiration of the world.

The Libraries of Baltimore, San Francisco, Washington, D. C., Boston and other cities, show the appreciation of the brethren in these places of the value of knowledge, and the acquisition of learning, as one of the first means of promoting the great objects of our Order.

The General Relief Association of Louisiana, in which every Lodge in the State is interested, and that of San Francisco, are examples worthy of emulation.

In this connection, I beg to say, that I have received a very interesting communication from Charleston, South Carolina, signed by WILMOT G. DE SAUSSURE, P. G. S., WILLIAM THAYER, R. S. DURYEA, C. LANEY MEYER, and JOSEPH G. MARTIN, Grand Representatives, desiring me to bring to the notice of this Grand Body the design of the Fraternity of that State to hold a fair in November next, at Charleston, in aid of the charity or relief fund of the several Lodges of that city. I take great pleasure in submitting the letter to your consideration, and beg very earnestly to commend the object to your favor. No appropriation is asked from this Grand Body, but simply, that its moral aid and influence be exerted in encouraging the patronage of Subordinate Lodges generally, and of all other departments of the Order, which may be able to help this cause. I need not say that in no Jurisdiction has

our Order suffered more from the effects of the civil war, and by none is South Carolina surpassed for love and devotion to Old-Fellowship, or in the service of its members in elevating the character of the Order.

ABUSE OF THE NAME OF THE ORDER.

I have received several communications or circulars, which have been prepared by individuals evidently for improper purposes, to which their names in some cases are affixed, accompanied with the letters F. L. T. or I. O. O. F.; these circulars are transmitted by mail, and designed to deceive and mislead brothers under the pretence of connection with the Order. Advertisements in which the name and emblems of the Order appear, have also been cut out of newspapers and sent to me, with an inquiry whether they are authorized; and in various other forms the use of the name, emblems, or style of the Order, in connection with individual or private enterprise, have been made known to me anonymously. I have taken no action on this subject, and have preferred to refer the subject to the Grand Lodge, with a view to such procedure as may be thought necessary. Existing laws, in my opinion, forbid the use of the name of the order, or its emblems, or its prestige, or influence in any form, for individual or private gain; if, however, there be any doubt on the subject, I recommend that suitable legislation in that direction be had.

DEATHS.

We may endeavor to elevate the character of man, to relieve the distressed, to educate the orphan, to succor the heart-broken widow, and we may apply all the means within the scope of our mission of philanthropy to carry out the principles of our beloved Order, but we can not arrest the hand of the destroyer—death—nor can we rob the grave of its inevitable victim; all must fall before the king of terrors. How sad the reflection; how pregnant with gloom the admonition that we too must soon give up our earthly pilgrimage and pass beyond the swelling flood. Since last we met, one who sat with us, who acted with us, who enjoyed his pleasure with us, is no more. JOS. B. ESCAVILLE, Representative from the Grand Encampment of Maryland, has passed away, and with him have entered the unknown land P. G. Representative W. A. GILMAN, of California; JONAS HACKER, of Nebraska; W. J. HOKE, of North Carolina; J. B. DICKS, of Mississippi; J. L. HAUPT, of Georgia; J. R. PIPER and JOHN MILLS, of the District of Columbia. All these brothers acted well their part while living, and we hope are now enjoying sweet repose in that kingdom provided for the best.

As a man of history, I take occasion to say that JOHN MILLS, P. G. Rep., was one of the early pioneers of our Order, and did much to promote the interests of the Institution. In 1837 he represented the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia in this R. W. Body.

CONCLUSION.

In closing this Report, rendered unusually prolix by no wish on my part I can assure you, but from an inexorable constraint of official duty, I beg to return my sincere thanks to the Grand Lodge for the marked courtesy and kindness which has been generally extended to me by its members since my occupancy of this distinguished chair. It has been my single ambition to know my duty, and to enter upon its performance with ardor, energy, and proper deliberation. That no detriment should arise to the Order from any deficiency on my part, I have not failed in every exigency of importance, to invite the opinions and seek the guidance of such of my brethren whose ripe experience and thorough knowledge of our system challenged my confidence and respect. I now commit to your judgment my administration during the past year, with a self-assurance that if I have erred, such error has been the result neither of want of zeal, nor of an earnest love for the Order.

Upon a general review of our condition, derived from a very extended personal visitation, from a massive and voluminous correspondence, which is herewith submitted, from the files of the office of the Corresponding and Recording Secretary, from the columns of our several periodicals, and from

intercourse and conversation with brothers from every quarter of the general Jurisdiction, I rejoice to be able to say to you that our beloved Order moves onward in its great work of benevolence and charity—it advances everywhere, with a single exception, with that increasing volume and power which is ever characteristic of solid prosperity; scattering broad cast its blessings among the children of men; educating and training all embraced within its wide scope to honor and to usefulness in society; strengthening the bonds which unite the people under our happy political system; softening the asperities inevitable among the masses; subduing the antagonisms inseparable from the struggles of life, stilling the voice of discord, uplifting the fallen, and assuring to all men of all classes peace, love and good will. May God speed so noble a mission, and vouchsafe to its gallant votaries the heart to love and honor it, the firm nerve to vindicate it at all times and under all circumstances, and a zeal in its advocacy and promotion which shall falter not until Odd-Fellowship shall cover the earth.

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING GRAND SIRE'S REPORT.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF GRAND SIRE,
G. L. U. S.,

Washington, D. C., January 14th, 1871.

HENRY VINE, Esq.,

Special Deputy Grand Sire, Australia.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I can not too much regret that the A. T. P. W. for the year 1871 has not been sent to you before, but I trust the failure to put you in possession of it earlier will not injuriously affect the interests of the Order. You have the Key. Inclosed find the A. T. P. W. and explanation for this year, also the P. W. of the Degree of Rebekah, which please communicate to the authorities in "Victoria and New Zealand."

How is Odd-Fellowship with you? Except through a correspondent in New Zealand—Dunedin—writing to the "American Odd-Fellow," we have heard nothing from our Trans-Pacific brothers of date later than July, 1870. It is earnestly hoped that peace and harmony, which are evidences of success, as they are the promoters of prosperity, reign within your borders. We are looking with some anxiety for a report from you, announcing the fact that South Australia is a part and parcel of us, that the Three Links, Victoria, New Zealand, and South Australia, have been firmly welded into one united brotherhood.

A knowledge of your character and peculiar fitness for the position you occupy, and of your devotion to the principles of our Institution, leaves no doubt on my mind of the success which must attend your efforts to spread the Order to every part of Australia. It will afford me great pleasure, my dear brother, to hear from you. Having thrice visited Australia, (Sydney,) and made many warm friends while there, I feel more than an ordinary interest in all that concerns Odd-Fellowship in that distant land. The Institution is flourishing in the United States, and in the British Possessions on this continent. On the 1st of December last a Lodge was established at Stuttgart, in the kingdom of Wurttemberg, (Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1,) with every prospect of success, and we have good reason to believe that ere long our glorious banner will be spread to the breeze all over Germany, and perhaps in other parts of Europe. This, I know you will agree with me, is truly encouraging, and the information should be given to the members of the Order, wherever a Lodge exists, and further, probably before this reaches you, Odd-Fellowship will be established in Lima, Peru, application having been made for a Charter for a Lodge to be located in that city. How

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can we fail, falter, or weary in the labor of love in which we are engaged, with such almost daily evidences of Divine favor. To the entire brotherhood in Australia and New Zealand I tender my most sincere fraternal greetings, with an earnest prayer that God in His goodness and mercy may smile upon them, and all our household, in whatever land they live, and whatever tongue they speak.

Fraternally yours,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
Washington, D. C., March 20th, 1871.

HENRY VINE, Esq.,

Special Deputy Grand Sire, Australia:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I trust my letter to you, dated 14th of January, communicating the A. T. P. W. for 1871, reached you safely. Of course it is too soon for me to expect a reply, but having heard nothing officially from your Jurisdiction for nearly a year, I feel apprehensive that something is wrong, though I can not imagine how that could be. I am well aware of the fact that until recently there were impediments in the way of communication between this continent and your distant land, but now, for several months past, steam vessels ply regularly between San Francisco and Sydney, at any rate, once a month, so we are informed, which should enable us to learn of your doings at reasonable intervals. You can have but a faint idea, my dear brother, of the interest felt by a large portion of the brotherhood on this continent in the welfare of the Order in Australia and New Zealand. Our prayer is, that it may be in a prosperous condition with you. As to the ultimate success of Odd-Fellowship, there can be no doubt it must, in consequence of its intrinsic merits, not only flourish wherever it has been established, but spread throughout the civilized world. Not hearing from you for so long a time, I fear that something may have occurred to interrupt the kind and fraternal feeling which commenced with such flattering prospects of increasing warmth and growing confidence when the union between the American and Australian Order was consummated. An early word from you will relieve my mind. It is very desirable that we should hear from you before the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which takes place at Chicago in September next. The Order here is progressing finely; perhaps during no period of its existence has it been in a more flourishing condition. From our Special Deputy Grand Sire, JOHN F. MORSE, residing temporarily in Dresden, Saxony, we learn that the Prussian Government has acceded to our wishes, and we are now authorized to unfurl our beautiful banner to a German breeze and upon German soil. I informed you in my letter of the 14th January that a Lodge had been established in Stuttgart, and about the same time, December 1st, 1870, a Lodge was instituted in Montreal, Quebec. So you see we are moving onward and upward, and having made the effort in Germany, we will go on until the benevolent, moral and social strength of our three Links shall be felt and appreciated by the people of the entire Eastern Continent.

To the brotherhood in Australia and New Zealand I desire to be remembered in the most kind and affectionate terms, with the assurance that my efforts, official or otherwise, shall ever be to promote their interests, and to strengthen the fraternal cord which binds them and the people of this continent together.

I am, very truly, your friend and brother,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND SIRE,

R. W. G. L. U. S.

Washington, D. C., June 1, 1871.

HENRY VINE, Esq.,

Special Deputy Grand Sire:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I wrote to you under date of January 14th, and March 20th, and receiving no reply, have concluded to make another

effort to elicit a few lines from you. In my first letter I sent you the A. T. P. W. for 1871, in cypher; not knowing, however, whether you had been put in possession of our Key. As no intelligence had been received from you—nor indeed from Australia, of an official character, since July, 1870—I hesitated to send you our new Sign of Recognition, adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last Session. Hoping that all is right, and that this may reach you safely, I herewith inclose, in cypher, said Sign of Recognition, which I think will be easily understood. You will perceive that it is to be given to the *initiate* immediately after the Hailing Sign. Please communicate it to the Order in Australia and New Zealand at your earliest convenience. It may be that you have not our Key; if so, inform me at once, and a copy will be forwarded to you without delay.

The Order in the States, as well as in her Majesty's dominions on this continent, is in a very flourishing condition, and the prospect of success in Germany is flattering. We have already two Lodges on the continent of Europe. I informed you of one at Stuttgart, instituted in December last, and more recently one at Berlin, with a prospect of instituting two or three more within a short time. We expect to open a Lodge in Lima, Peru. So you see we are marching along. What do you say about Australasia? It is earnestly hoped that a cheering report of the advancement and prosperity of the Order with you may be received here before the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which will take place in September, at Chicago. The Grand Secretary of the State of California was requested to send you a number of copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of United States at its last Session. If you have not received them, inform me and they shall be forwarded to you without delay.

Present my fraternal greetings to the brotherhood in Australia and New Zealand, and say that our constant prayer is for the success of the great cause in which they with us are so zealously engaged.

Truly yours,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire*.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND SIRE FOR AUSTRALASIA,
Melbourne, 27th July, 1871.

FRED. D. STUART, Esq.,

M. W. Grand Sire, Washington, D. C. :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your very interesting letters of the 14th January and 20th March of the present year, as well as the copies of the Journal of Proceedings of the last meeting of the Grand Lodge United States, are at hand. The copies intended for the R. W. Grand Lodge of Victoria and New Zealand I duly forwarded to the proper authorities, and am authorized by them to tender you their fraternal acknowledgments.

In your letter of the 14th January you inclosed the A. T. P. W. and explanation, as also the P. W. for the Degree of Rebekah; but unfortunately they being in cypher, I was not in a position to communicate them to the Grand Lodges in Australasia, as I am not in possession of the Key, it having been the custom of Bro. RIDGELY, your R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, to inclose them written in full on a separate sheet of paper; but as the number of members of the Order in this part of the world who have left it for the purpose of visiting our brethren of America is limited, I believe no serious inconvenience will be felt by the mistake.

You speak in your letters of the length of time that has elapsed since you had news of the Order here, and in that of the 20th March you speak of regular monthly communication existing between Australia and America. True; it does exist between *Australia* and San Francisco, but unfortunately not *all* Australia, it having until the present month been as difficult to send a letter from Melbourne to the States, if not more so, than before the mail line was established. The steamers stop at Sydney, and the Victoria Government not paying any portion of the subsidy, no mail was taken from this colony until now, and only now as an experimental arrangement entered into for the time being. Indeed, to such an extent has the obstruction been carried that the agent of the steamers here refused to take charge of any-

thing but passengers, and the regular steamers plying between here and Sydney would only take those parcels or letters which were specially addressed to some one in Sydney. Not being personally acquainted with any one in that colony, I have been awkwardly situated with regard to correspondence. I have had in my possession for some months a box containing a number of copies of the Journal of Proceedings of the last Session of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, for the purpose of forwarding them to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of your Jurisdiction, but the reason I have stated has prevented my doing so. Bro. RIDGELY will, however, most likely get them by the same mail that brings this to you; for, feeling a certain amount of shame at what must appear to you almost inexcusable neglect, I some days ago forwarded them to the United States Consul in Sydney, with a polite request that he would forward them on. At the time our brother General LATHAM was Consul in Melbourne, corresponding with America was comparatively easy, for anything intrusted to him was sure to find a safe and speedy road to its destination; but his successor, Dr. PINELL, who, I believe, was a member of the Order and a Patriarch in the United States, took no interest whatever in the Order here, although I frequently invited him to attend our Lodge meetings.

I am happy, however, to state that your hope that nothing has occurred to disturb the harmony and prosperity of the Order in this part of the world is fully realized. You must be aware that in all matters an entire change of system is bound to cause confusion; for when the novelty wears off, a reaction sets in. So it was to a certain extent with us; for, on settling properly to the Work we now use, it was found to be so different in its practice, and, I may add, so much more ennobling in its teaching, that some of those who had hitherto looked upon the Order as a mere insurance society to guard against sickness or misfortune, began to drop off from regular attendance at Lodge meetings; but their places are being rapidly filled up by better men, and the full fruition of that lasting prosperity which our Order is bound to behold when once firmly rooted is being realized.

To copy and imitate your working customs in every respect was too great a revolution to be carried out at once. One objectionable practice still pertains to a certain extent, viz: some of our Lodges meet in public houses. This to you, by whom such a thing is unknown, may appear strange; but Odd-Fellows' Halls cost money, and building them must necessarily be the work of time. The Order here, however, has not been negligent in this great essential; and the day, I verily believe, is not far distant when those temples of Benevolence and Charity will be found dotted over the entire surface of this continent. Several of our Lodges have already succeeded in their endeavors, whilst others are making bold and rapid strides in that direction. About six weeks ago a hall belonging to Wickliffe Lodge, which meets in a little township of that name, was duly dedicated to the Order, and now stands as a monument of success to the energy of a few brothers who have succeeded in erecting a building which is architecturally an ornament in a village which boasts no other public building than the church and the lock-up—the very court of justice (when held) being held in the local public house.

I have in my official position, as Grand Master of this Jurisdiction, received an invitation to lay, on the 3d July next, the foundation stone of a hall at Ballarat, which, when built, will be the habitation of at least five Lodges meeting at various hotels in that city; and on the 7th of the same month I am to open and dedicate a hall at Colac, built by the local Lodge at a cost of \$700. So you will see, my brother, that we are not disposed to stop our work till it is well done.

On perusing the Journal of Proceedings, which you so kindly sent me, I find that certain action was taken at the last Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States to relieve the Order here of certain disadvantages under which we suffer. This information I have conveyed to the members, and the universal expressed hope is that the Grand Lodge at its next Session will confirm the proposed alteration. If they do, I can assure the Grand Lodge of the United States that it will not find the Grand Lodges in Australia ungrateful, they well knowing that the concessions will be made in good faith, and in the spirit of brotherhood, not to be idly abused, but to be used

honorably in the furtherance of those grand principles which are some day destined to govern the entire globe.

The opening of the Stüttgart Lodge, No. 1, is a coincidence of which we are both entitled to mutual congratulations. We have a goodly number of German brothers in this Colony, and have had several who have returned to the Fatherland. Let us hope that the good work thus begun will continue to increase in such a manner as to permeate the whole of the European Continent. Then will each and all of us be able to look proudly on and say I belong to a brotherhood "based upon certain truths which are alike axioms amongst all nations, tongues and creeds, and under whose comprehensive influences all nations of the earth concentrate their energies for the good of the common race."

Your remarks about application having been made for a Charter to establish a Lodge at Lima, Peru, shows that the course of our Order is onward, and onward it must be, until time shall be no more.

There is one subject on which I must touch, knowing that you will be rejoiced to hear it. It is the introduction in this Colony of literature devoted to the interests of the Order. The "Odd-Fellows' Companion," a journal to be published monthly, will make its appearance on the first of next month, and the support which it is at present receiving, shows that the brotherhood are alive to the influences such a journal properly conducted is bound to have over the destiny of the Order. It is started by Bro. RIDETON, the R. W. Grand Warden of this Jurisdiction, and myself, and we have secured the services of several competent brethren to assist us in the literary portion of our work. The journal will be 32 pages, demy, 8vo, besides covers, and is intended to be a journal for the Lodge-room and fireside, while the low price at which it will be published, can not help insuring, I believe, large circulation. I shall have much pleasure in forwarding you a copy regularly every month.

In conclusion, allow me to tender you my sincere congratulations upon your being elected to the high and responsible position which you now occupy, trusting that the Grand Sire of all things may long spare you to continue those good works which have hitherto had such important influence in disseminating the great principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Believe me to be, ever yours, most sincerely and fraternally,

HENRY VINE, *S. D. G. S. for Australia.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND SIRE,

Washington, D. C., August 15th, 1871.

HENRY VINE, Esq.,

Special Deputy Grand Sire for Australia:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I acknowledge with more than ordinary pleasure the receipt, on the 9th inst., of your valued communication of the 27th July. I was under the impression that you had been furnished with a Key; although perhaps no harm has been done by your not having it in your power to communicate the A. T. P. W. to the order in Australia and New Zealand. I regret much that it so happened; however, enclosed is the Key, which you will readily understand. I can now easily see how it was that I did not hear from you sooner, but hope that hereafter all will be right in that respect.

I shall not trouble you now with a long letter. The Grand Lodge of the United States will meet at Chicago in September, and at the earliest moment after the adjournment you will be made acquainted with its doings. I notice particularly what you say in regard to the preparation made at the last Session of the Grand Lodge to "relieve the Order in Australia and New Zealand of certain disadvantages under which it suffers," and I shall urge upon that R. W. Body to pass the law you refer to. Be of good cheer, my dear brother, there is some good in store for you. Go on; copy and imitate our workings and customs, whenever you can and wherever you can. It was not expected that you would strictly conform to the new regime at once. My heart rejoices to learn that the brethren in Australia are begin-

ning to see the propriety of selecting places in which to meet corresponding with the high moral tone of our Order. Success to "Wickliffe" Lodge, in its praiseworthy undertaking. I hope your visit to "Ballarat" was a pleasant one, and that the efforts of the brothers there may be crowned with success; so with the Order at "Colac."

I cannot tell you how pleasant to me the words were, touching the harmony and prosperity of the Order in your Jurisdiction. My fears have been dispelled. I am truly rejoiced to learn that you are to have a periodical devoted to the interests of our noble Order. Do send me a copy of the "Companion." Many thanks for your congratulatory remarks in reference to myself. Busily engaged on my Annual Report—will write more fully soon. Bro. RIDGELY has not received the package yet. Convey my heartfelt fraternal greetings to the membership in your Jurisdiction. Peace and happiness to you and yours.

Truly yours,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire*.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SIRE,
G. L. U. S.

Washington, D. C., November 7th, 1870.

J. A. BIBBY, Esq., *Barbados, W. I.*:

DEAR SIR: JAMES L. RIDGELY, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., addressed a letter to you on the first of December, 1869, in reply to one from you dated November 6th of the same year. You appeared to be anxious to learn something of the character of our Order, with a view to establishing one in Barbados. Bro. RIDGELY's letter was full and complete, and we hoped by this time to have heard from you in reply. If you think well of our system and the objects we have in view, and believe that Odd-Fellowship, as we understand it, will prosper in your island, we invite you and all who may be willing to join with you, to co-operate with us in the cause. I write this, hardly knowing whether it will reach you, but my desire to spread the blessings which must accrue to all who have a part and lot in our Institution, has induced me to make an effort to reach you by letter.

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire*.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

WHEREAS, the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States has decreed that the 26th day of April of every year shall be set apart and observed by the members of the Order, throughout its entire jurisdiction, as a general day of Thanksgiving, and in grateful recognition and acknowledgment of the goodness of God in the preservation and prosperity of our beloved Order.

Now, therefore, I, FRED. D. STUART, M. W. G. Sire, in view of the expressed desire of the Supreme Head of the Order, do hereby fraternally enjoin upon all Grand Bodies of the several State, District, Territorial and Provincial Jurisdictions, and upon all Bodies subordinate immediately to the Grand Lodge of the United States, to take proper order for the general observance of the 26th day of April, 1871, as a day of solemn thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God for his unmistakable care and protection of our noble Institution, for its past prosperity and for a continuance of His blessing upon us and the cause in which, as an Order, we are unitedly engaged.

Done at the city of Baltimore, this 13th day of February, A. D., 1871, and of our Order the fifty-second.

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire*.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF M. W. GRAND SIRE,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

WHEREAS, at the September Session, 1870, of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, held at the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, it was formally resolved "That no regalia is legitimate, except that prescribed by law, chapeaus, crooks, swords and belts, and all military paraphernalia, not so prescribed, are accordingly inadmissible." And whereas, *nevertheless*, it has been made known to me that in some Jurisdictions, under color of a resolution which authorizes uniformity in head dress, passed at the last Session, chapeaux, swords and belts are being worn:

Now, therefore, I, FRED. D. STUART, M. W. Grand Sire, by authority of law, do hereby officially declare such practice to be wholly illegal and improper, and do direct all Grand Patriarchs to take order in the premises accordingly.

Done at the city of Washington, D. C., this 14th day of February, A. D. 1871, and of our Order the fifty-second.

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire*.

REPORT OF SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND SIRE JOHN F. MORSE.

GERMAN MISSION.

To FRED. D. STUART, *M. W. Grand Sire Grand Lodge United States*:

When the hearts of men, yielding to the genial impulse of benevolence, combine together in the achievement of new and enlarged humanity, nothing can be more pleasant and joyous than grouping together and contemplating the inspiring sign of success. There is an element of pleasure in the abstract principle of prosperity, and a something quite transporting in the consciousness of a great and hallowed purpose fully accomplished. The more magnanimous the project, the higher and holier the sympathies enlisted, the more charming is the rapture which success engenders.

We need not think it strange, therefore, that the membership of our great brotherhood should have given expression to intense pleasure, in contemplating the manifestations of success in connection with their attempt to found the principles of their cherished Order in the Germanic and Swiss provinces of Europe.

It now becomes our pleasant duty to render an official and succinct Report to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, of the efforts which have been made pursuant to the authority and wishes of this Grand Body, to organize Subordinate Lodges of our fraternity in the warmly beloved home-lands of our cherished German friends and brothers.

The object to be accomplished in the Germanic commission was not in more complete harmony with the general spirit of our Order than entirely consonant with those utterances of progress which have been given an integral and commanding position in the sublime Ritual of the brotherhood. But there was so much in this movement of magnitude, responsibility and peril, that one can not marvel if some doubted, hesitated, and were reluctant to yield their consent. There were perils in the transportation and custody of necessary documents—perils arising from the different constructions which might be put upon covenanted vows in seeming antagonisms with recurring prejudices and perils in the almost unlimited authority which had to be entrusted to the direction and judgment of a single individual brother.

We can fully appreciate that conservatism which, upon the threshold of

experiment and such perils, found its expression in fear and anxiety before embarking its highest authority upon so grand and holy a mission, in a craft so weak, fragile and imperfect. Indeed it is when thus appreciating it that we feel the infinity of compliment which the trust and confidence have conferred.

Most earnestly do we hope we have done nothing inconsistent with the authority given, and should cooler temperaments bring to light that which embarrasses and mortifies the retrospect, God grant that they may leave unrequited the pure motives which an erring judgment may have perverted.

On the 21st of April, 1870, was written and mailed to us the following communication from a long-time friend and brother, NATHAN PORTER:

"DEAR BROTHER MORSE: If I were like a punctilious woman I suppose I should say 'I wrote last,' and wish to receive an answer to the letter I wrote you two or three months ago. But I am too much interested in the subject of this to stand upon ceremony; and I have too much to say to waste space in introduction. The Grand Lodge of the United States at its last Session passed a law providing for establishing the Order in Germany, providing it could be done without expense to the Grand Lodge. This proviso has prevented the work thus far from being undertaken.

"E. D. FARNSWORTH, the Grand Sire, since the Session, has returned to this State on business, and I have had a long talk with him about the German interest—and it occurred to me that you could put yourself into Germany with little difficulty and trifling expense, and that it would be a mission which would please and interest you. I therefore took the liberty of not only suggesting your name to the Grand Sire as the person to sow the seed of our Institution in the Fatherland, but I said some of the good things of you which I know, and which I could truthfully speak, and the result is the Mission is to be tendered to you. I have furnished the Grand Sire with the address of your Paris Banker. He has corresponded with Grand Secretary RIDGELY about it, and you may expect to hear from them officially in a short time.

"FRANK B. AUSTIN, Editor of the 'New Age,' will come out to you the bearer of dispatches and as your assistant and co-worker. He is not a Past Grand, and therefore will be deprived of the pleasure of assisting in all the work. But you will find German Odd-Fellows everywhere in Germany who speak the English Language, and I think your task will be a smooth and easy one.

"You will be furnished with documents from the German Ambassador at Washington, from the Vice-President, and other functionaries—and will go into Germany under auspices that any man in our country might well be proud of—and which will, I think, not only enable you to found our Order there, but to establish it in high places, and among the chosen of the land.

"You will find 'Ancient Odd-Fellows' enough in every important city in Germany to constitute a good Lodge. I sincerely hope both your health and inclination will prompt and enable you to go on this mission. I think it a good one, and I am anxious that your name shall be associated with it. It is not impossible that you may see me in Europe before winter; perhaps to visit a Lodge with you in Germany."

This was the first intimation we had of any movement having been made by the Grand Lodge of the United States upon this subject, and although we had fully determined, as an individual, to make inquiries upon the possibility of extending our Order into European countries, yet when the proposition was thus submitted we had too many doubts of fitness and ability to make acquiescence an unmixed pleasure.

We replied that if nothing better could be done, we would cheerfully do the best in our power to fulfill the wishes of the Brotherhood, and if possible to unite together with the weird triple chain of Friendship, Love and Truth, two peoples so worthy of fraternal coalescence as the Germans and Americans.

More correspondence followed, and finally, pursuant to an impulsive and generous appropriation of funds by Templar Lodge, of San Francisco, Bro. E. D. FARNSWORTH, Grand Sire, concluded to attend to the mission himself. Soon after we received a letter from him stating this fact, which we

immediately answered with unfeigned congratulations and pledges of all the assistance we might be permitted to render. This correspondence, his arrival in England and the failure of his personal efforts, through the precipitation of a great European war, have already been published and need not be reiterated.

He could not venture a trip into Germany because of the frequent interruption of travel and his limited time, and urged our meeting him in London. This we did as soon as practicable, and on the 13th of August, 1870, he placed in our hands a Commission conferring full authority to establish our Order, if proper government sanction could be obtained, in the Germanic States of Europe and Switzerland.

It is proper we should acknowledge that the Grand Sire insisted upon paying our expenses to London and back to Dresden, but our answer was that while, if we succeeded, we would be willing to have our expenses refunded, yet, until a Lodge had been encouragingly formed, we could accept nothing. Taking all the documents which had been provided for him, and pledging him, and the Order through him, complete success, if devotion, earnestness and our poor ability could accomplish it, we started at once upon one of the most novel and unpromising labors of a lifetime. Indeed the idea of going into a land of strangers, with whose language we were unacquainted, and proposing the organization of an Order which was foreign and unknown, became more and more impracticable upon reflection. But the assurances of Bros. PORTER and FARNSWORTH, that all the leading Germanic cities were thoroughly leavened with American-German Odd-Fellows who spoke English, antagonized the discouragements which reflection suggested, and carried us with a still lingering hope to Berlin. If we reassured a brotherhood which has been making glorious history in the United States for fifty-two years, which is now so well and favorably known, which by the recommendation of a large Germanic membership is to be extended through this Commission, to the common Fatherland of our German citizens, and if in these European cities are dwelling many ancient and active members of the fraternity, then perhaps the difficulties of the mission are more imaginary than real.

On the morning of the 16th of August we called upon our Prussian Ambassador, Hon. GEORGE BANCROFT. We told him that we came in the interest of the American Order of Odd-Fellows, which Order had determined, if practicable, to extend itself throughout the Germanic States of Europe. Instantly he repeated, "Odd-Fellows," "what kind of an institution or society is that?" We briefly stated the objects and characteristics of the Order and gave him the various letters of recommendation provided. He was of the opinion that the first thing to be done was to ascertain if the laws of Prussia prohibited such secret societies, and that the next necessary step would be to ascertain if there were any Germans in Berlin who desired or would make application for such authority. We answered that from information in our possession we had no doubt there could be found a number of members of the Order in Berlin, but that being a stranger it might require a good deal of time to get access to them. He volunteered to give us a card to the Consul-General of the United States, who would probably be able at once to direct us to the principal American Germans. We went immediately to the Consul and made the inquiry, but his answer was, that he knew nobody who would be likely to belong to any such Order; that his acquaintances were wholesale merchants who had retired from business, and who could not have belonged to any such society, for they all did business in New York city where there was no such Order. This certainly did not argue well for the celebrity or even notoriety of our cherished Institution. Unknown to our Minister, and absurdly presumed not to exist in New York city by our Consul-General, what prospect was there that Prussians could be found who knew or cared for the Fraternity? We accepted some names of Germans who had lived in America from the Consul, but while we could learn through these of many others, yet they knew nothing of the character, or even, as a general thing, the name of Odd-Fellowship. We employed a Commissioner, whose function it is to know every local thing and person of interest in such a city, but not a soul could be found who had ever heard

of such a name or Institution. Did not advertise for reasons which we will assign at another time.

At our next interview with Mr. BANCROFT, we took him all the documents in our possession commending the movement, and begged him to grant us the favor of an application for the right to organize the Order, asseverating that while it might be difficult to get a group of Germans to take the initiative in applying for this privilege, that yet we felt certain if we had governmental authority we could succeed with care in forming Lodges in Berlin and throughout Prussia. He seemed much pleased with Secretary RIDGELEY's circular, and promised to do all he could towards procuring the desired authority. The next day we left for Dresden, where we wrote to every name which had been sent to us by brothers at home, and awaited the general results, doing all we could in the meantime to sound the possibilities of preparing material for a Lodge in Dresden. In this city it was quite as difficult to find any one who answered to those members of the Order, who would take hold and assist or become themselves the nucleus of European Lodges. The name was not only unknown, but decidedly unattractive when first proposed. Indeed, after months of talking up the Institution, the most that could be done was to elicit a general approbation of its principles, and surprise at its avowed prosperity and power.

On the 6th of September we received a letter from Mr. BANCROFT expressing regret that he was compelled to transmit a copy of a law, exhumed from 1798, which would interpose an insuperable barrier to our project, until this statute could be repealed by parliamentary deliberations.

That such a law should be thus produced and thus accepted, was a discouragement, made the more unpleasant and unpromising from its utter inconsistency with the existence of the Masonic Order under the patronage of the Court and Crown, and found the indication which it manifested of an insidious influence unfavorable to our wishes. And when superadded to this discouragement we contemplated the growing tendency in Germanic Europe especially to defer to the precedents and usages of this wonderful power, the whole subject of our mission seemed replete with the signs of a disastrous failure.

But on the morning of the 12th we received a letter from Bro. M. BERNHEIM, of Stüttgart, whom Bro. PORTER had commended, stating that he had put a notice in the paper and had got together four Odd-Fellows and probably could get two or three more who would join every effort to organize a Lodge. We wrote in reply that it would first be necessary to ascertain if the laws of Wurttemberg would sanction such an organization without special authority, and at the same time we copied all our letters of recommendation and with those and such circulars and works as we could spare, we made application through our minister, Hon. HORACE RUBLEE, of Bern, Switzerland, upon the authorities of that Canton for permission to institute the Order in that country.

Our letter to Bro. BERNHEIM was mailed on the 14th, to Minister RUBLEE on the 15th of September, and on the following 29th, we had the intense pleasure of receiving an exceedingly kind and encouraging letter from the Swiss Minister, (coincidentally with one from Bro. BERNHEIM,) stating that from inquiries he had made, he was satisfied that no special authority was necessary from the Swiss government.

On the 5th of October we sent some constitutions and by-laws to Stüttgart, assuring Bro. B. that as soon as he would obtain specific and unqualified information as to our right to organize a Lodge in that Province, we would go to his city and remain there until a Lodge had been instituted.

On the first day of November we received an answer from Bro. BERNHEIM, which was satisfactory in respect to authority, and at the same time a letter from Grand Sire STUART, enclosing a copy of a note from Baron GEROLT, informing the Grand Sire that he (Baron GEROLT) had been instructed to inform him that there was no legal obstruction to the organization of our Order in Prussia.

With this last communication we started on the 3d for Berlin, fully confident that, notwithstanding the statutory reminiscences of '98, we were destined to have our wishes fulfilled, and receive authority to commence the organization of our fraternity in the capital of the great German Bund.

On the 5th I saw Mr. BANCROFT, showed him the letter from Grand Sire STUART and the copy of Baron GEROLT's note. He seemed surprised at the note, and asked us for a copy, that he might take it to Mr. BUCHER and demand an explanation. On the 6th we took him the desired copy, and stated that we would wait a few days to know the result, as it might be favorable to an immediate experiment of organization. His reply was a very discouraging one, but still we delayed a few days and called again, when we received the polite and unqualified message that he was engaged. We informed the servant that our passport had expired, and as we desired to leave the city, that if his secretary were disengaged it would answer our purpose quite as well. We were then shown to the room of Mr. BLISS, and from him obtained a passport, and an assurance that the note had been presented to the Foreign Office, with the information that the agent of the Order was in the country, and if there was no objection urged, would proceed to execute the objects of his mission.

This, of course, made it necessary to give proper time for the authorities to make objections, if any existed, and with the special request on behalf of the 300,000 of his constituents whom we represented that he should send us word at Dresden as soon as anything was heard from the Government, we left, with the determination to proceed at once to Stuttgart, and if possible organize the first European Lodge.

On the 14th we arrived in Stuttgart, and commenced the preliminary movement of getting together the materials for organization. From Bro. BERNHEIM's report, we felt for the first time that the morning of success was beginning to dawn upon our efforts, and that soon we would be able to rouse the firesides of our fraternity in America with the grateful tidings of the institution of a new Lodge, none the less true, enthusiastic and aspiring because born so far away from the old patriarchal home, in the beautiful city made classic and glorious through the name of CUVIER, DÜRER, SCHILLER and GOETHE.

Here, at any rate, were fulfilled the assurances of PORTER and FARNSWORTH; here were live brothers of the Order, whose hearts had been warmed by the demonstrated, working benevolence of the brotherhood in our country, and who were ready and eager to engage in kindling the first grand altar fire of the Order in Europe, whose hallowed gleams and sacred warmth should ever be maintained by the unfailing oblations of hearts devoted to the behests of fraternity, and the resistless homage of souls fully enlisted in the propagation of "Mutual Relief" and Brotherly Love.

On the 20th of November we made the first attempt at a regular meeting of the members of the Order, at our room in the hotel. There were the following local brothers present: M. BERNHEIM, P. D. D. G. M. of German Lodges in San Francisco; OTTO SCHETTLE, from Philadelphia; E. KLAUPRECHT, from Ohio; and Bro. KOHLHAS, from Philadelphia, and H. WOERNLE.

At this meeting various committees were appointed, preliminary to the thorough organization of a Lodge, and an adjournment made to an early re-union at the same place. In the meantime we went to work to see if new and entirely German material could be enlisted in the interests of the embryonic struggle. And it was in this effort we were given the foretaste of those difficulties which were inseparably connected with so novel and daring a project of the engraftment of an Institution entirely foreign, utterly unknown and repellant in name, upon minds full of the just and natural partialities of education, and reluctant to accept convictions, even in the cause of benevolence, which cast a shadow of reflection upon the comparative spirits of progress and national pride. But with so much personal influence and the constantly recurring and importune appeals of brothers pleading for brotherhood, one after another fell in, until we had made the necessary new material for the institution of the first Lodge of our Order on the continent of Europe. As an encouragement to which, and as a small token of what we would like to see done much more abundantly by the Lodges at home, Bro. AUSTIN gave the Lodge their regalia, and your Representative gave it the best set of books that could be made for it, and stationery, and together we gave them two very beautiful gavels made of the great tree of California, ornamented with silver. On the 1st day of December, 1870, assisted by Bro.

AUSTIN, who came expressly from London to witness the grand event, and by Bro. MEYERS, P. D. D. G. M., also of German Lodges in San Francisco, by Bro. KOHLHAS, of Philadelphia, and Bro. PRETCHMER, of Delaware, we were given the unspeakable pleasure of instituting "Wurtemberg Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F.," in the classic city of Stüttgart, but a few squares from the palace of the King and the far-famed University of one of the most intelligent, heroic, and independent nationalities of the Grand Germanic Union.

"Now was the winter of our discontent made glorious" by the gleaming light of a new planet revolving around the many sources of Faith, Hope, and Charity—of Friendship, Love and Truth.

There was something beautiful in beginning the winter with such a spring, and a something in the character and enthusiasm of the first Lodge which gave assurance of the certain organization of others ere the seasons passed are brought the fruits of harvest to the husbandmen.

Our experience in the organization of this Lodge taught us the impossibility of forming Lodges where there were no American-made Odd-fellows, without the command of funds enough to relieve of the first assessments common to the institution of Lodges at home. Funds we felt were absolutely essential, and hence our appeal to the Grand Officers in America, and hence their kind appeal to the Fraternity.

Thank God, this petition to the general brotherhood was received and honored with all the gallantry of the Order, irrespective of law or usage or the force of precedent. Funds were contributed and sent over to us so festooned with noble sentiments and utterances of solicitude and sympathy, that we could not and would not fail. Indeed we can not forego this temptation to interpolate a page by anticipation.

On the 17th of February following, when it seemed that we would soon be called upon to surrender all commissions, we received the first answer to this appeal in the remittance of one hundred dollars, less exchange, from Aurora Lodge, No. —, Nashville, Tennessee, with a pungent accompanying letter of hopes and prayers from P. G. S. FARNSWORTH. It was the resolving tonic we needed, and when on the 9th of March we opened with our own tremulous hands a letter from old Harmony, of San Francisco, with a contribution of \$500, and an associate gift of \$300 from gallant Germania, and an additional \$100 from the youthful Hermann of the same city, we struck out boldly and came back once more to the old brotherhood shores of our troubled Jordan. Now the first gleamings of Aurora were rapidly followed with the full light of an effulgent morning, and success was assured.

It was our intention to have gone directly to Switzerland, but some suggestions in a letter from the Grand Sire, and an inadequate supply of charge books made it necessary to delay.

We were, however, barely able to make our imperfect reports known, when we were taken ill and compelled to accept close quarters for a week. At the end of this period we made a struggle to return to Dresden, feeling all the time that a serious impending sickness would finally overtake us, and in less than two weeks we were compelled to suspend all employment, and take to a bed, which we could not again leave for two months. But all the time such glorious and encouraging communications came from Bros. BERNHEIM and SCHÖTTLE, that even the miseries of sickness were relieved by the growing signs of success which marked the progress of the first born Lodge of the Order in German Europe. Without this comfort, we felt that it would have been hard to have died, while from it we derived many a consoling element of resignation and contentment.

After a couple of weeks of convalescence, we were surprised to receive a letter from a gentleman in Berlin, informing us that the Government of Prussia had granted us the authority to found the Order in that kingdom, and asking if we would not make the effort. Immediately we wrote a note to Mr. BANCROFT inquiring if such were true, and received the following answer:

AMERICAN LEGATION, Berlin, February 17th, 1871.

JOHN F. MORSE, ESQ.:

DEAR SIR: The reply to the application made on your request, respecting the establishment of the American Order of Odd-Fellows in Prussia, was

received as long ago as the 10th of November, or a day or two after you were at Legation—but as you did not leave your address there was no way of communicating it to you.

The reply is, that there is no legal impediment to the introduction of the American Order of Odd-Fellowship in Prussia *as far as the same is in exact correspondence* with the regulations respecting its organization, etc., which have been transmitted by Baron von Gerolt.

I remain, sir, sincerely yours,

GEO. BANCROFT.

Although but barely able to stand upon our feet, yet the news that we had authority to commence our efforts to organize a Lodge in the Capital of the Great Empire was so exciting that we could not resist the inclination to immediate labor, and on the 11th we went to Berlin. The next morning we telegraphed the gentleman who had informed us of the government authority being granted, and who lived ten miles from the city. By ten the next morning we had a call from this gentleman, and we soon perceived that in him we had just the material for the commencement of an invincible effort to build up a Lodge. He had been recommended to us by Bro. AUSTIN, who, ever intent upon aiding the cause, had invested him with a strong desire to become an Odd-Fellow. We had previously written to him to sound his acquaintances upon the subject, and his present report of results was most inspiring. But we had already acquired an experience in Berlin which taught us that there were influences at work which he did not understand, and which would inevitably disappoint his expectations, and give us a much more difficult labor to perform than he anticipated. He seemed quite incredulous, but a month's toil and self-immolation taught him the truthfulness of our prediction.

Nothing could surpass the inexplicable and ubiquitous antagonisms we had to overcome by a determined and deathless endurance; even the grandest success has not yet solved the problem of opposition, whose mystic presence and power would have crushed any element of perseverance which had not been given an electro-magnetic life. Encouragement and discouragement were mingled together with such persistent force, that many times it seemed as if failure must inevitably come. But thank Heaven, when we lost one we obtained another, until finally we could boast a group of glorious recruits, who might be forced into weariness, but who, like the cuirassiers of William, never would change their faith or surrender their positions. Of these we made a band of brothers, and when we were ready to organize them into a Subordinate Lodge, we sent for Bros. AUSTIN, OSTHEIM, and brothers of Württemberg Lodge, and with the assistance of the first two and Bro. BERNHEIM, of Stuttgart, who kindly and promptly responded, we had the infinite satisfaction of instituting Germania Lodge, No. 1, Berlin, Prussia, on the second day of April, 1871.

In the organization of this Lodge we enjoyed a splendid advantage from the great familiarity of Bro. OSTHEIM with the Work in English and German, and we regretted that he would not consent to take the commission off of our hands, and finish up the work which seemed too much for our physical strength. But he urged the ill health of his wife as an insuperable barrier, and we were compelled to continue in a process of engraftment which, thanks to Providence, seems to have secured the acknowledgments and indorsement of the Order in America and Europe.

After getting this Lodge into a good working shape we returned to Dresden, where we spent weeks in a renewed effort to develop the necessary material for a Lodge in Saxony, during which time we received and read an editorial of Bro. S. YORKE ATLEE, Editor of the *New Age*, upon the subject of depositing the Patriarchal Degrees of the Order in Germany before we left, which seemed so reasonable and urgent that we determined to comply if it were possible. We accordingly wrote the Jurisdictions of Württemberg and Prussia, stating that if they desired, and thought it advisable, we would institute an Encampment in each place. We learned in a few days, from Bro. WOLLHEIM, D. D. G. Sire of Prussia, that the brothers of Germania Lodge were intensely gratified with the proposition, and would give us a cordial welcome, at our earliest convenience; and, as we received a letter from Bro. BERNHEIM, D. D. G. Sire, of Württemberg, stating that

the expenditures they had incurred in a temporary movement of Hall, which was unexpected, and the proximate necessity of fitting up a new Hall, it would, perhaps, be better to delay, we concluded to revisit Berlin and institute an Encampment while waiting for the germination of the seed, which, we felt assured, was now sown in Dresden.

We started for this city on the 20th May, and nothing could have been more pleasant, nothing more thrilling, than meeting these warm-hearted and glorious European Odd-Fellows, where, but a few weeks before, they had accepted with a fidelity, which means volumes in the German character, our covenants of fraternity and benevolence.

On the 22d we had the satisfaction of attending a meeting of their Lodge, in which reports were read from twelve investigating committees, and eleven of the candidates favorably balloted upon. After this we witnessed the initiation of four persons, which was done in a manner worthy of veteran workers. That indeed was a memorable night, in which a general good feeling ran through the "Good and Welfare" into the

"Wee short hours ayont the twal,"

and left but a limited margin for the refreshment of sleep.

On the 23d we instituted "Farnsworth Encampment," No. 1, of Berlin, Prussia. We proposed the name (perhaps injudiciously) because it was the executive power which gave vitality to our commission, and because the very instinct of gratitude seemed to declare its appositeness and harmony.

The twenty-two patriarchs, of whom the Encampment was composed, had all been given the Degrees in excellent style by D. D. G. Sire WOLLHEIM, and immediately after the institution an election was held, in which Patriarch WOLLHEIM was elected Chief Patriarch; Patriarch SIEGELER, Senior Warden; Patriarch ALTVATER, High Priest; Patriarch GLOGOUR, Scribe, and Patriarch SCHNEIDER, Treasurer. These officers were duly installed, and at 10 o'clock the Camp closed, to re-open without form and at a different place to a sumptuous supper, which had been prepared as a parting compliment to your representative. At this supper, in its good cheer, in the exquisite speech of Dr. WURM, in the many warm speeches of this new family of our Trans-Atlantic brothers, in the reluctant farewell and the puntingly expressed hopes of a generous and permanent union in fraternity between Germany and America, there was so much of significance and promise that we can never recur to it without gratitude, nor recall it without rapture.

The next day we went back again to Dresden, to labor without ceasing for a Saxon affiliation. And fortunately, with the aid and energetic assistance of a Mr. ARNOUX, Secretary of our American Consul at that place, with the countenance and good word of the Consul himself, Mr. IRISH, and Mr. KNOOP, the leading banker of American travelers, and the indefatigable assistance of J. F. SPOT, we finally succeeded in getting fifty excellent men to take the degrees and petition for the right to organize a Subordinate Lodge of Odd-Fellowship. And on the 6th day of June, 1871, assisted by the kind and warmly appreciated presence of Bros. WOLLHEIM, SIEGELER, SCHNEIDER, ALTVATER, and HUNN, of Berlin, we instituted Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, in Dresden, kingdom of Saxony.

Having now incorporated three grand kingdoms of the great German Bund into the folds of an Order which aims only at the relief of man, irrespective of its government, his politics or religion, and having received enough money with economy to inspire the hope of adding Switzerland to the distinguished group, we started on the 10th of June for Berne, with the intention of visiting Wurttemberg on our way and getting some of the brothers there to join us in this last labor of introduction and organization.

On Monday evening, the 12th, we had the pleasure of attending a called meeting of Wurttemberg Lodge, and witnessing an initiation in the hands of brothers who enjoyed the distinguishing honors of being the first in the inauguration of our Order on the Continent of Europe. To say that this initiation was a consummate success; to say that the brothers seemed as much at home as if they had been born and reared in the Order, would be almost an understatement of facts. But it could not have been otherwise. Bros. M. BERNHEIM and OTTO SCHÖTTLE are in themselves so true, so anxious and faithful, and are sustained by such super-excellent new and

native members, that the Lodge could not be backward, defective or unpromising. We owe much and must never forget the services of Bro. BERNHEIM in the incipient struggles of our Fraternity in Europe, and Bro. BERNHEIM will cheerfully indorse our words when we say that OTTO SCHÖETTLER has written his merits in letters of such endearing lustre that never will his name fade from the memory of grateful and loyal Odd-Fellows.

After the Lodge closed we all went to a neighboring friend and indulged in that good cheer which is made innocently inspiring with segars and the best of good beer, and in the heartiest good-byes and the expression of heartfelt hopes and wishes for the prosperity of our Order, we separated with the feeling that in life or memory our works would be remembered and gratefully acknowledged.

The next day Bros. SCHÖETTLER and MEYER accompanied us to Zurich, where Bro. MEYER was acquainted, and where we concluded it would be best to make the experiment of opening the Order in Switzerland. Unfortunately Bro. MEYER's acquaintances, upon whom he most depended to assist our incipient labors, were absent, and we had to resort to the same expedients of acquaintanceship and personal appeal as at all other places. A visit to the Consul, Mr. S. H. M. BYERS, revealed him to be a noble-souled American, willing to give us all the assistance in his power. He gave us a most excellent letter of commendation to his friends, a long list of whom he gave us, and requested us to call upon them.

What, however, was much more important to us was his kindness in getting his secretary (C. HEINRICH) to join us at once in the process of enlisting and making the elements of a new lodge. In a couple of days Bro. BERNHEIM joined us, but his poor health compelled him to speedily return, and Bro. MEYER, who was a good worker and a glorious brother, was obliged also to go back to his business.

Bro. SCHÖETTLER remained and steadily and patiently labored to acquire the necessary members for a good foundation on which to build an enduring branch of the fraternity in the land of Tell. And as we had in other places been able to use with great benefit a local interpreter and strangers' guide, we sent for and employed a Mr. G. RAU, whose willing spirit proved a grand support, and enabled us to organize Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, Zurich, Switzerland, on the 19th day of June, 1871, with ten Charter members. After instituting the Lodge, an election was held, and Bro. SCHÖETTLER installed the officers into their respective positions. We had invited through the press any brother of the Order to visit and assist in this interesting duty, but only one corresponded. This was a brother F. J. TUFLEY, of the State of Nevada, who traveled over a hundred miles to participate in the work of launching upon the world and humanity this token of brotherhood and bond of unity between the famous land of Switzerland and the Continent of America.

As we had appointed Bro. M. BERNHEIM in Stüttgart, Bro. H. WOLLHEIM in Berlin, and Bro. O. ARNOUX in Dresden, D. D. Grand Sires of these respective jurisdictions, so did we appoint Bro. C. HEINRICH as D. G. Sire of Switzerland. This completed our personal efforts; but as an evidence of the propagating power which was left in operation, we must add that we had scarcely left Great Britain before "Borussia Lodge, No. 2," had been installed in Berlin under the most inspiring circumstances and assurances that make it quite certain that two more Lodges will be formed in less than a month from the meeting at Chicago. It is the intention of D. D. Grand Sire WOLLHEIM to organize an English Lodge in Berlin on the first of October next by the name of "Templar." This he thinks will be well supported, and afford a most interesting fraternal reunion to Americans who cannot speak the German Language.

It is scarcely necessary to add that during our sojourn in those countries, and when able to know what the brothers were doing in vindication of their fidelity and ability in these highly important and eminent positions, there was nothing to cause us to lament their appointment or to detract from their claims. We find it indeed difficult to close our Report, already too long, without indulging in specific and elaborate commendations which would be recognized as a work of supererogation.

We imagined that we would have a laborious task to perform in calling

the attention of the Grand Lodge to necessary legislation in behalf of the new interests which our success has evoked; supposing that the enlargement of our area and distant essentials might demand the introduction of new thoughts and new principles, which it would require time and tedious deliberation to concede. But fortunately, most happily for all parties, we had underrated the far-seeing sagacity of this grand Legislative Body, and found upon our return that the Grand Sire, the Grand Secretary, the Past Grand Sires, the Representatives, the press, and apparent universal sentiment had even anticipated our report in demonstrating a liberal spirit of Brotherhood and fraternal kindness, which would fulfill every want and supply every essential element of power and prerogative. That legislation necessary in ceding to these new Jurisdictions an ample sovereignty in the management of their own affairs, an ample freedom in legislative movement, a liberal exemption from taxation, a power of revision and publication of Rituals, Warrants, Charters, Cards, and Odes, in unexceptionable German text, and which shall yet conserve the interests of uniformity, of true and pungent Brotherhood, and of a unity which shall promote the highest forms of humanity, and generate those attributes of concord and amity which plead for peace and friendship wherever man moves and nations govern, had been determined by a wonderful unanimity of sentiment.

In closing our Report, we refer the Brotherhood to our appended financial account, which we hope will be satisfactory to those who gloriously contributed material aid to the German mission. We have certainly desired to use the means given us to the best possible purpose, and however much we may have made ourselves amenable to the reproach of bad judgment, we have no fear of the charge of selfishness.

And now we wish to say that, for the wonderfully liberal trust reposed in our fidelity and judgment, for the almost infinite honor conferred upon us, for the warm-hearted support, the unmerited applause, acknowledgments and ovations which have been so lavishly extended, we can only give that which so many thousands have given before us, the deep-felt gratitude of a heart that loves God and exults in the benevolent record of our wonderful Brotherhood.

JOHN F. MORSE,

Special D. G. Sire for Germanic States and Switzerland.

September 9th, 1871.

CORRESPONDENCE GERMAN MISSION.

Dresden, September 8th, 1870.

E. D. FARNSWORTH, *M. W. G. S. of the R. W. G. L. U. S.:*

DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER: I hasten at once to communicate the unpleasant news which is herewith enclosed. I know you will be pained to receive such an indication of the unpreparedness of the Germanic mission, in which you and our American Order have evinced such noble and glowing sympathies and desires. It is possible that the road may yet be opened, for the appeal has been made in such a way that the spirit of progress will no more be quiet while such feudal reminiscences are copied and urged as retained upon the statute of a great nation. In Germany, however, the law repealing bodies must act before the work can be commenced, or at least so says Mr. BANCROFT.

Now the question occurs, what is to be done? I answer so far as I am concerned, that I will see if I can arrange matters to explore the free cities of the North and Switzerland. Perhaps there is nothing in these countries so inhospitably fixed against the doors of a humane civilization. If I can do this, and fail of encouragement, it will not be the first time in which the hand of benevolence has been repulsed, and then, the Order will at any rate be in possession of data of importance in its future movements. If I should fail, I will immediately return and report to headquarters.

Copy of Document from Minister Bancroft.

AMERICAN LEGATION, Berlin, September 2d, 1870.

MY DEAR SIR: The very great desire with which I am animated to present the claims of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in the manner most favorable to their intentions, led me twice to the Foreign Office, in order that nothing might be omitted that was necessary to explain their purpose and to support their request. I submitted for perusal the lucid explanatory letter of your Secretary, and offered for examination the various documents which I received from you, illustrating the humane and benevolent character of the Society.

But, however anxious the Prussian government may be to accede to any wish of so respectable a body, the executive department, as you know, has in this country, as in ours, no authority to alter the laws, and therefore I am sorry to say the attempt to carry out the design which you explained to me would meet with obstacles that seem to be insuperable. The government, at my request, put their reply to me in writing, and I enclose you a copy of it.

I remain, my dear sir, with high regards, yours very truly,

GEORGE BANCROFT.

Berlin, September 1st, 1870.

YOUR EXCELLENCY: In consequence of our conversation concerning the Odd-Fellows, I have looked over the law books, but find it rather an intricate question whether their Order would be admitted in Prussia.

Article 98 of the Criminal Code says: "Die Theilnahme an einer Verbindung deren Dasein, Verfassung oder Zweck von der Staatsregierung geheim gehalten werden soll, oder in welchen gegen unbekannte Obere Gehorsam, oder gegen bekannte Obere, unbedingter Gehorsam versprochen wird ist. . . strafbar." [Article 98 of the Criminal Code says: "The affiliation (participation) with an association, the existence, constitution, or objects of which are to be kept secret from the government of the state, or in which may be expressed obedience to unknown superiors, or absolute obedience to known superiors, is punishable."] This article, in my opinion, would not apply to the Odd-Fellows.

But the law by which the Criminal Code was promulgated contains this proviso: That all special laws are to remain in force relating to.....the illicit use of the right of holding meetings and forming societies. And amongst those laws I find one—a very old one, indeed, being dated October 20th, 1798—which makes it penal to belong to any society, welche Verschwiegenheit in Auessehrung der den Mitgliedern zu offenbarrenden Geheimnisse fordert oder sich angeloben laesst; oder eine geheim gehaltene Absicht hat oder vorgeibt, oder zur Erreichung einer namhaff gemachten Absicht sich geheim gehaltenen Mitteln, oder verborgenen, mystischen, hieroglyphischen Mittel bedient. [And among these laws I find one, October 20th, 1798, which makes it penal to belong to any society which demands discretion of secrets revealed to members who take any obligations, or which (the society) has or pretends to have a secret object, used for obtaining a certain purpose, secret means, or means of a mystic, hieroglyphic, mystic nature.] I am afraid the judges would consider this statute as still being in force. Enclosing the printed letter of January, 1870,

I am your Excellency's obedient servant,

L. BUCHER.

These are the communications to which I referred. I hope this will reach you in time, that you may submit the prospect to your friends. I shall direct this to you, or Bro. JAS. L. RIDGELY, as I cannot tell who your successor may be, and I am anxious that the authorities should be carefully posted. I have not written on official paper, because it is not at hand.

Yours, earnestly,

J. F. MORSE.

LEGATION OF THE NORTH GERMAN UNION,
Washington, September 27th, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the North German Union, to whom I had submitted the verbal application of your predecessor, the M. W. Grand Sire, E. D. FARNSWORTH, in company with Mr. AUSTIN, of California, and the Honorable Senator, Jos. S. FOWLER, in July last, recommending the introduction of the Order of Odd-Fellows in Germany, and asking whether the same would be allowed there, has instructed me to answer that there is no legal objection against the introduction of the said Order in the North German States.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

FR. GEROLT.

FRED. D. STUART, Esq., *M. W. Grand Sire of the
United States Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, Washington, D. C.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND SIRE GRAND LODGE UNITED STATES,
Washington, D. C., September 30th, 1870.

His Excellency BARON GEROLT, *Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary North German Union:*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to me of the 27th inst., relative to the introduction of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows into Germany. From a communication recently received from Dr. J. F. MORSE, who was commissioned by my predecessor to apply to the Prussian Government, through our minister, Mr. BANCROFT, for permission to establish the Order in that country, which I read to you yesterday, it appears there is some difficulty in the way. This we hope to be able to overcome. For the warm interest you have manifested in behalf of the great object we have in view, accept of my grateful acknowledgments and the thanks of the entire brotherhood.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF M. W. GRAND SIRE,
Washington, D. C., October 8, 1870.

JOHN F. MORSE, *Special Deputy Grand Sire for
North German States and Switzerland:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your important communication dated Dresden, September.....addressed to my immediate predecessor, reached him only at the moment of his retirement from office, and at the close of the late Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States. It devolves upon me, therefore, to acknowledge the receipt and to make an official response. It will be proper for me, in order that you may feel at ease, and free from embarrassment, in your highly honorable and responsible position, to premise what I have to say with the remark that your appointment by the late Grand Sire to the office which you so worthily hold, has my cordial approbation and has given, so far as I have been able to learn, general satisfaction. It has been regarded as quite fortunate that the direction of the momentous interests involved have been confided to a brother so eminently qualified to conduct them, and so zealously enlisted in their success. I herewith transmit the Daily Journal of the late Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, containing also the Annual Reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary. From perusal of these papers you will perceive that I am fully borne out in what I have said touching the general approval of your appointment and official acts.

I regret exceedingly that difficulty should, at the very threshold, have interposed to check your efforts; but I can not permit myself to believe that

such a law as that cited by Mr. Bucher, of the Prussian Foreign Office, could be made by any legitimate construction applicable to a purely benevolent society, which every person of good character is privileged to join. Doubtless the law of 1798 was intended—and very properly—to guard against Jesuitism, religious or political, and to prevent all organizations *id genus*. However this may be, the very existence of these obstacles indicates the wisdom of our course, and not only relieves us from suspicion and distrust, but should highly commend our Order to the confidence of the Government. I am gratified to know that you have secured the sympathy and co-operation of the American minister, and have equal pleasure in advising you that His Excellency, Baron GEROLT, the Minister of the North German Confederation at Washington, has also manifested decided interest in our success, which he confidently believes will ultimately be assured by continuous effort in our behalf on the part of Mr. BANCROFT. Herewith I transmit a copy of a letter of recent date, received from Baron GEROLT, which already presents a favorable view of our position. Should, however, the status remain unchanged at Berlin, you will wait upon events as they transpire, using—as I know you will—every exertion in your power to shape them to the best advantage. I have no special instructions to give, confidently deferring to your prudence and judgment, assured as I am that you will ably acquit yourself of your highly responsible office. I deem it to be my duty to say a word or two upon the subject of expense, for the reason that you may not be misled in that regard, in reading the proceedings had in the Grand Lodge of the United States touching the introduction of the Order into foreign countries. No difference of opinion that I am aware of exists as to the true mission of Odd Fellowship, and of our commanding duty to propagate its blessings among men; but very many of our leading brethren do not perceive that we should depart from our settled policy in this respect. We have never heretofore appropriated money for such a purpose. Our Order was introduced into the British Possessions on this continent, into the Sandwich Islands, into England, and into Australia, at the exclusive cost and expense of these communities. Our revenue, as you are aware, is derived from a tax assessed upon the Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions, and is limited to an amount not exceeding the reasonable expenses of the Supreme Grand Body. To appropriate money, therefore, beyond this limit would be of doubtful constitutional authority, and unwise, however meritorious the purpose. You will understand, I trust, with this explanation, that no new or especial policy has characterized the legislation of the last Session in this regard. It is very obvious, however, that whenever and wherever the Grand Lodge has duly accredited a resident of a foreign country—as in your case—with representative power, or has availed of his agency and disinterested offices in its behalf, that it is bound to promptly recognize and discharge all the necessary and inevitable expenses incident to such position, such as stationery, postage, freights, express charges, telegrams, portorage, transportation, and so forth. You are therefore authorized to render such accounts from time to time, and I shall see that they are duly honored out of the contingent fund. My advice at this time is that your efforts be confined to the Germanic States, and that no special visitation be made elsewhere in this interest. Should, however, your private business lead you to visit any of the free cities of the North, you are at liberty, in your discretion, where no legal impediments are in the way, to set on foot such means as your judgment may approve in furtherance of our object. Wishing you abundant success in the especial business committed to your charge and the enjoyment of health and happiness, I beg to be your brother in F. L. and T.

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire*.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND SIRE
For Germanic States and of Switzerland.
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Dresden, Nov. 10, 1870.

FREDERIC D. STUART, *M. W. G. S. of G. L. U. S.*:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your very welcome communication of October 8th I received on the 31st ult., together with a copy of the Grand Lodge

Proceedings of last Session. You can readily appreciate the pleasure it afforded me to receive the information of the general approbation and sanction with which the Grand Lodge and yourself viewed my appointment and acts. I have done thus far all I could, and shall continue to do my utmost, as long as I hold the commission, to achieve the objects and intentions of our Order in the European project. I wish I could report a more inspiring progress, but I can assure you that volumes could be written about influences, seen and unseen, which tend to obstruct the labor I have undertaken.

I have from the beginning done my utmost to secure the positive co-operation of Mr. BANCROFT, and notwithstanding the great discrepancy which seemed to spring from the liberal and promising note of Baron GEROLT, when compared with the discouraging report received through our Minister from Mr. BUCHER, of the Foreign Office, yet I believed it my duty at once to show Mr. BANCROFT that portion of your letter referring to the Baron's communication, hoping that it would be speedily followed with such specific authorization from the Government of Prussia as to enable us at an early day to try the experiment of opening a Subordinate Lodge in the city of Berlin. But Mr. BANCROFT was so fully impressed with the conviction that no authority could or would be given until the inhibiting statute of 1798 had been repealed, that I waited but a few days, when, unable to obtain any encouragement, I apologized for the trouble I had given them, and assured Mr. BLISS that nothing would have emboldened me to occupy so much of their time, but the important fact that I was representing the humane and heartfelt wishes of at least 300,000 as good citizens as could be found in the United States.

Fortunately I received coincidentally with yours a communication from the Wurttembergers in Stuttgart, welcoming me there for the purpose of establishing a Lodge, and in an hour after leaving our Minister's house I got a letter from our Minister, Mr. RUBLE, at Berne, Switzerland, conveying a sealed document from the Canton of Berne, legally authorizing me to make the attempt there, and especially welcoming me to the task. Now there is a suggestion in your letter in reference to confining my efforts to the Germanic States, which gives me uneasiness, because of my desire to be instructed and abide by instructions, and because of circumstances which give to advice a force and effect which even the author might not wish for. Before the expression of this wish I had sought eagerly, but within the range of my authority and previous instructions, to secure the Order against defeat, which seemed too probable in Prussia, by earnestly enlisting Switzerland. To my application, not made with half the documents and demonstrations brought to bear upon Mr. BANCROFT, our Minister at Berne responded as he might have done had he been a devoted Odd-Fellow himself. In my application and in my subsequent correspondence with him I promised him that when he procured me the Cantonal authority, I would immediately attend to it and make it result successfully, if I were well enough to get there and could enlist the necessary support from the people. Under such circumstances, and with the necessary delay in Prussia, and even the uncertainty, worse than all, attaching to our efforts there, I can not but feel that you would, if here, have me fulfill my promise. This conviction, after seriously reflecting upon the matter, prompts me at once to leave for Stuttgart and Switzerland. I can honestly assure you that in Europe we must work with authority, and when the road is made clear, if we ever succeed, it will be in seizing the opportunity in its passing. Even now, I can not feel sanguine, after the evidence my constant efforts have evoked of the antipodal society, character and instincts of the people among whom the experiment is to be made.

I will start day after to-morrow morning and will report to you every movement I make, and I can not say, no language can express, how intense will be my gratification to see planted, not particularly in planting it, but in seeing successfully planted a seed, whose fruits, in my opinion, will not be confined to the mere paying of dues and receiving pecuniary benefits, but really to "elevate and improve the character of man, to imbue him with proper conceptions of his capabilities for good, to *enlighten* his mind, and enlarge the sphere of his affections."

I will suggest that I believe I could do immense service, if I had them, in

a pretty free distribution of Bro. GROSH's Hand-book of the Order in German text. Prof. HERIG, of Berlin, begged me to get him one, but I have only one copy. A large variety also of German Subordinate Constitutions and By-Laws would be of great service, and what would be of exquisite service would be for the German Lodges to unanimously get up a neat circular, in their own language, appealing earnestly to the Germans of Europe in favor of the Order. This would be a great leverage, demonstrating our earnestness, which could be used with good effect. It should be done in our venerable Grand Secretary's splendid style, however. Now, as regards your kind proffers about reimbursement. If I succeed in really opening the Order here, I will not object to being refunded absolute expenses, but without success I should be mortified in a double sense were I to be compelled to accept pay and failure. If you can excuse my bad writing I shall be really glad. I can not copy, for I am subject to a severe pain in my chest almost always after writing a single letter. Hoping you may still approve, I am, most unaffectedly and fraternally yours,

J. F. MORSE.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND SIRE
For Germanic States and Switzerland,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Stuttgart, November 25, 1870.

FRED. D. STUART, *M. W. Grand Sire*
Independent Order Odd-Fellows United States of America :

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Since my last communication to you I have been working with such varying manifestations of success that I am hardly able to complete a letter. This is the fourth I have commenced—two of them with such discouraging introductions, that I determined to wait each time till the morrow, and by so doing I have been induced to spare you the torture of my vacillations, hoping sometimes against reason for a better report.

Day before yesterday the heavens began to clear up, and yesterday morning the sky was so cloudless and the sun was shining so brightly, that I could not resist the inclination, and down I sat for the third attempt. I wrote a page, of which the following sentences are samples: "I must acknowledge to you that I am so full of nervous excitement as to make it a difficult mechanical task to write. Our present prospect in this city is so immeasurably promising—enthusiasm is beginning to exhibit such thrilling fruits, that I can not contemplate it without a feeling that is almost too strong for healthful enjoyment." Just as I completed the first page, in came a brother with information as chilling as the air of some of the church vaults of Rome. Three sheets of paper destroyed and a feeling of impatience which almost transcended the limits of my capital stock in philosophical tranquillity.

I then thought I would write nobody again till I had founded an Odd-Fellows' Lodge in Germany or surrendered my Commission. But I knew from your letter and the exalted position you occupy that you are deeply interested in this mission, and I know also, that one whom the Order have reason to canonize in their hearts, our venerable and able Grand Secretary, has a right to be kept constantly advised of the prospect of our German mission. Therefore I will mail you one more letter before the contemplated institution of "Württemberg Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F.," at Stuttgart.

Last night, notwithstanding the discouraging visit in the morning, I held a meeting in a room which is rented here and to be fitted up for an Odd-Fellows' hall, and made six Odd-Fellows, and gave the degrees to one which I made an Odd-Fellow in my room on the 22d. This will give us at least ten, perhaps eleven, Odd-Fellows with which to thoroughly organize in the first Lodge, which organization will take place next Monday evening; and finally, under auspices which I believe will be most gratifying to you all. But still I will be moderate in my estimation of the future. Of course I feel at times that this simple act was to be of immense consequence, for I can not cease to look at Odd-Fellowship as an inherent power of resistless

strength, inexpressibly excellent in its "adaptation for the promotion of good-will among men, and its fitness as a minister to the trials and adversities which are inseparable from human life." I have an idea that the wonderful virtues which it has so long demonstrated must lead to a degree of universality which will ultimately supersede all other secular organizations, and this idea makes me fully sympathize with the friends of the Germanic engraftment. Should it finally succeed here, there will be no estimating the force it will acquire, and the grand social, intellectual and moral good it will accomplish.

I have not detailed circumstantially what has been done during the last ten days. When I am able to announce the positive working organization of a Lodge, then I will give the persons and instrumentalities which have been used to the utmost of my abilities in achieving this result. Is is something to assure you that I expect in four days to announce the addition of "Württemberg Lodge, No. 1," to the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

One thing I find in respect to books which quite embarrasses me in my incipient success, and that is that I have but barely one set of Lodge books in German text, and no less than three full sets of Encampment books, with an unnecessary quantity of Installation and Degree of Rebekah books. I must stop or have the whole work transcribed for this Lodge. I do hope you will send me a number of sets of the books of a Subordinate Lodge work and degree books as soon as they can be got here (of course in German.) Now, having a Lodge here, there will be an additional safety in sending a good supply, and I am confident that they could be sent through the Consul here without risk. There really ought also to be at least one full set of Grand Lodge Records and a number of new Digests. In this respect it seems to me that the policy of the United States Grand Lodge ought to be emphatically liberal. You can have no idea of the prevailing economy of European people, and while driven to the most desperate shifts for subsistence, they are of course intensely capable of appreciating the smallest favors of kindness or exemption from assessment. What would be an easy task for laboring men to sustain in America is a difficult one here for even merchants and professional men. This has been one great drawback, and justly so, to our mission. Even in the humblest way, the renting and furnishing of a lodge-room, to a single Lodge of a handful of members, is a hard task. I am not too well supplied with *material* strength, but I could not avoid doing a little something for this new beginning. I ordered, therefore, the committee to get a beautiful set of books and stationery at my expense, and if I were only at work in San Francisco, and some one else were attending to my present duties, I would furnish regalia and books for the next ten Lodges of Europe. Here my resources are too limited to grant me the felicity.

Indeed, if I succeed in establishing a promising Lodge I shall be willing to accept a moderate share of my expenses in the labor. I think if I had such a munificent sum as the "Templars" donated, that I could work into a good, enduring existence at least one Lodge for every four hundred dollars, and I would not feel that I was making Odd-Fellows by mercenary motives. On the contrary, I should feel that I was driving home an entering wedge of moral truth and human benevolence into as many communities and with a power which, in a different country and under vastly different circumstances, produced such a wonderful effect in Second street, at the "Old Seven Stars Tavern."

I am almost surprised that some of the German Lodges at home have not sent me a single present to be given to and enshrined in the heart and the history of the first European Lodge established. I suppose, of course, the reason is to be found in a lack of information as to the tremendous moral and fraternal power such a policy would exert. Do not understand me as finding fault. The people in the inside of an opera enjoying the singing and scenes, have, after all, but little sympathy with the immense multitude on the outside, who would like to go in but can't. I am now in the constant company of the poor fellows on the outside. I'd like to take them all in with me, but I can't. If, however, I could only take in a few, they would soon learn the rest to enter. But I always was a miserable advocate for the

poor, and it was a great misfortune to place me in a position where an abler one is demanded.

With many thanks for your kindness, I am, indeed, and

Fraternally yours,

J. F. MORSE.

P. S.—I have delayed till to-day the mailing of your letter, as I saw that I could not institute by this evening on account of lack of time to get the room fitted for the purpose. I feel quite certain now that we are going to succeed in opening a Lodge with excellent material and fair prospects. Bro. AUSTIN, whom I telegraphed to London, has just arrived, and he offers to give enough to nearly get their regalia; and this, with my presenting them their books, inkstand, stationery, and their gavel, will be quite a lift to them. Now I beg of you not to judge their poverty here harshly. It does not give any one an idea of their character or the amount of soul and moral power which they can infuse into the Order here. Indeed, the more I dwell upon your project of instituting the Fraternity in Europe, the more I feel what a function it would fulfill here, the more I regret that the matter could not in the beginning be invested with even a liberal *material* invitation. All such invitations, I mean analogous ones, are promoted by governmental or municipal endowments, which make the beginning of an enterprise like ours very difficult, without at least some little token of friendly patronage. Still I hope now for success, even without this. I hope you will not be annoyed from my much writing.

M.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND SIRE

For Germany and Switzerland.

R. W. G. L. U. S.

FRED. D. STUART, *M. W. Grand Sire* Stuttgart, Nov. 30th, 1870.

R. W. Grand Lodge United States America, I. O. O. F. :

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : Though I can not place myself in a position for writing without feeling that physical attitude will not relieve me from indescribable suffering, yet I can not resist the luxury of keeping you advised of encouraging circumstances. Since my last date we have been working with a preliminary progress which, in this country, is almost marvelous. By to-morrow night we will be able to commence labor in the new and first European Lodge-room, with regalia that would do credit to an American Lodge, and I think with at least twelve, perhaps fourteen charter members, and an almost certainty of two or three good candidates for initiation after the "Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1," has been put into legal working shape. And the material thus far enlisted appears to me of a quality and force that needs no eulogy or vindication with those who can see them. They are fine looking men, intelligent beyond ordinary manifestation, carrying along with them reputations which indicate splendid individual power and influence, and irradiant with those glorious marks of benevolence which coronate the characters of cosmopolitan lives and the sweet conciliatory spirit of human love. I am now beginning to feel that I have not been a serious stumbling block to the fulfillment of the wishes of 300,000 of the thinking links of our Order. Yet I would not have you think that I am entitled to any special praise. I have not met my own expectations; I have but imperfectly redeemed the pledges which I made to Grand Sire FARNSWORTH, and but for the warm-hearted glorious brothers whom I have found here, and whom I shall soon commend to your kindest consideration, I should have soon given up in despair and begged release. But through them, by them, and with them, I now feel assured that a grand and hopeful beginning will be made within thirty-six hours, and that the Order of Odd-Fellowship, with, all its powers for doing good, with the incomparable reputation which it has honestly acquired in a half century of devoted labor—that this consummate utilizer of benevolence—this champion of the force of good deeds—this inspirer of peace, concord, and *compassion*, which is the loveliest attribute of Deity, has now, or in a few short hours will have, an abiding, potent, self-propagating home in the great Germanic world of Europe!

To describe to you what I hope from this would be impossible. Thoroughly convinced that it is just such institutions which perform the best offices of civilization—that with less parade and less demonstration to the general world, such organizations are forming embryonic sympathies and intuitions to which the eye of humanity must look for all the reformatory elements of real social and even political economy, I can not either speak my hope, or find language to carry the burden of my prayer to God for its protection, its growth, its glory. I turn with sadness and sorrow, always, from the adulterated hands and names which have distressed and destroyed human life, to kiss the hands and consecrate the names of those whose higher, and nobler, and lovelier mission, has been to limit the desolations of distress, assuage the bitterness of life-tortures and to increase the areas of kindness, of good will, and the sublimest of human virtues, unfaltering commiseration.

I intended to finish and send this letter before the institution, but I could not. Now I give you all. Last night with the assistance of Bro. AUSTIN of Templar Lodge, two P. D. D. Grand Masters of the German Lodges in San Francisco, by the name of MEYERS and BERNHEIM, respectively, and Bro. KOHLHAS, of Philadelphia, I instituted "Wurtemberg Lodge, No. 1," in the city of Stuttgart, Kingdom of Wurtemberg. The following are the Charter members, who have been selected and made, or restored, because of their special local fitness to accomplish an irresistible beginning. To say that the opening was a good one would be an injustice to the facts. It was an absolute ovation to Odd-Fellowship, an enthusiastic soul-stirring matter that worked phlegmatic, beer-drinking Germans into ecstasy. Six of the Charter Germans became inspired and gave impromptu speeches with an earnestness that would have eclipsed half of our stump orators, and Austin and I, clutching the melody, joined in the talking jubilee, although what we said was as intelligible to our auditors as would have been the screechings of as many ganders.

OTTO SCHETTLE, aged 36, Southwark Lodge, Philadelphia. A man of infinite service to us. The first Noble Grand, to whom I promised a Past Grandship at the end of the term, on the night of installation. This I did to make way for a charter service to our American Consul, whom we could thus get to take the Vice Grand's chair, and because the first had already been given that position.

MORITZ BERNHEIM, P. D. D. G. M. of German Lodges, in San Francisco, the man to whom we owe exhaustless thanks. I never saw a better man for a specific work.

EMIL KLAUPERECHT, Germania Lodge, Cincinnati, Ohio, our Consul; earnest and willing; he will be of almost incalculable service on account of his position.

FRED. SCHELLE, made to hand. An excellent link.

ERNEST FUNK, also made to hand, and, although a Catholic, he is one of the most useful and promising members in the Lodge. Secretary.

PAUL VOETH, also made to hand; an exceedingly promising member. Treasurer.

CARL WENZ, another improvised member, and splendid material for future use.

HENRY WOERNLE, made to hand, and the beau ideal of promise to the Lodge, as a good worker.

Dr. JOSEPH HAIDLIN, made to hand: but, as he belongs to my profession, I will let him answer for himself in deeds.

I intend to write to you much more elaborately after the institution; but to make it possible to write at all, I had to take a half grain of morphine to lull my breast pains. I think you will excuse me, and, from your anticipations, do as well for the cause, as though acting from specific information. I do hope the Order will at once give some signs of welcome and recognition, that will stimulate here. Do get them to recognize and encourage their first European *Brothers*. Please send your own, Bro. Secretary RIEGELY's, and if convenient, P. G. S. FARNSWORTH's photographs, in good size for their hall.

With profound regard, I am, most fraternally, yours,
J. F. MORSE.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND SIRE, G. L. U. S.

Washington, D. C., December 22d, 1870.

J. F. MORSE,

Deputy Grand Sire for Germany and Switzerland :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : Your several dispatches, dated at Dresden and Stüttgart, up to December 4th, are received. The last, announcing the gratifying intelligence that success had at length crowned your unwearied labors ; that, in the face of obstacles and trials which had checked your progress, and at times greatly discouraged your hopes, you had unfurled the broad banner of our beloved Order on German soil, and that its bright and beauteous folds, inscribed with the Divine message of "Peace on earth and good will to men," is now fluttering over the Fatherland. I share with you, most profoundly, the joy this consummation justly awakens, and the high hopes which it inspires for substantial fruits in the great cause of human brotherhood. Well has it been said, that Peace hath her victories ; and, in view of the fact that war has been the almost exclusive office of the people (for several months) among whom you have ministered, your splendid reward beautifully vindicates the Heaven-born principles of Odd-Fellowship. Every message among men, which seeks to draw them together, to remove the walls of partition which separate them, and which tends to assimilate their mission of life, which is received, accepted, and diffused by an intelligent people, is a great victory, and will count in the march of civilization as among its most effective instrumentalities in the cause of good government and enlarged humanity.

The effect of your recent success on the future, of course, is now only conjectural ; but, judging from the light of the past, and from the peculiar adaptation of the soil upon which the seed has been cast, and the sympathetic elements which permeate it, I do not think it by any means over-sanguine to estimate its extension, from this beginning, to every part of Europe, where liberal governments exist. You have been constrained to assume power, in some respects, and which, under ordinary circumstances, it would be improper for a ministerial officer to take upon himself ; yet it must be allowed that, in extraordinary cases, such officer may venture, exclusively for public good, in the absence of all personal or individual interests, to take such responsibility.

To say that I cordially approve your course, will but feebly express my sincere gratification at the result ; and I do not permit myself to doubt of the unqualified indorsement which your administration of the high trust confided to you will elicit, from our common superior, the Grand Lodge of the United States. I shall have great pleasure in presenting your several interesting reports to that distinguished Body, with the indorsement of my thorough approval.

I shall cause you to be put in possession, without delay, of all necessary books, for the institution of Lodges, and am ready, with great pleasure, to facilitate your work in every way in my power. I have only to reiterate, in relation to finances, the remark made on that subject in my last, and to say that all expenses incurred by you, in the proper discharge of your official duties, will be recognized and paid. I regret that it is not in my power to go further, and authorize the expenditure by you of such sums of money as, in your judgment, could be judiciously employed in the good cause ; but, as you are aware, that I can not do. Your statement in regard to expenses already incurred is, to me, quite satisfactory. The amount will be remitted at an early date. It has been suggested, that such parts of your dispatch, as refer to the value of money in the establishment of the Order in Germany, should be published, and an appeal be made to the Lodges to contribute and transmit to you. I concur in this suggestion, and, if it meets your approval, will set the measure on foot. Please advise without delay.

Truly and fraternally yours,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND SIRE, G. L. U. S.

Washington, D. C., December 27, 1870.

*To the Grand Secretaries of Pennsylvania, New Jersey,
New York, Massachusetts, California, Indiana, Illinois,
Missouri, Ohio, Maryland, Tennessee, Kentucky, Iowa, Virginia:*

You have, doubtless, learned that our esteemed Special D. D. Grand Sire, Dr. J. F. MORSE, has succeeded in establishing a Lodge of Odd-Fellows in Germany. Württemberg Lodge, No. 1, was instituted at Stuttgart, Kingdom of Württemberg, on the 1st of December, instant.

In reporting this important event, Dr. MORSE expresses a hope that the Order in the United States will, by way of encouragement, at once give some signs of welcome and recognition to their "first European brothers."

Dr. M. speaks of the limited means of the people, and says, if he had such a munificent sum as the "Templars" donated, he could endow, with a good enduring existence, at least one Lodge for every four hundred dollars. If Odd-Fellowship does not spread and flourish in Germany, it will be because of the want of the necessary means. Dr. MORSE, out of his own pocket, supplied a full set of Record books, and ample stationery for the Stuttgart Lodge, and Bro. AUSTIN, of California, who assisted at the institution of the Lodge, furnished a splendid set of regalia for the officers thereof.

You are aware, that the Grand Lodge of the United States made no provision for extending Odd-Fellowship into Germany. It has been suggested that an appeal be made to the Order for substantial aid in behalf of the cause in Europe. The German Lodges, I should think, would respond promptly and liberally. If any money is appropriated by the Lodges, it may be transmitted to our Worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. RIDGELY, who will, with pleasure, forward the same to Dr. J. F. MORSE; or, if preferable, all moneys may be sent direct to Dr. MORSE, care ROBERT THOADE, Banker, Dresden, Saxony. You will take the necessary steps to acquaint the German Lodges, particularly, with the foregoing, and ask them to do as much as they can for the cause? This seems to be an occasion when every Odd-Fellow should not only be willing, but anxious to contribute his mite. The iron is hot, and the hammer should be plied with vigor. Let us all second the praiseworthy exertions of the Special Deputy Grand Sire, in extending the bounds of our beloved Order.

I am fraternally yours, in F., L., and T.,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17, 1871.

To the Officers and Members of

Württemberg Lodge, No. 1, Stuttgart, Württemberg.

MY DEAR BROTHERS: It is with feelings of pleasure unspeakable that I greet you as members in Lodge capacity of our great family of Odd-Fellows, and tender you a warm and affectionate welcome to the bosom of our beloved Order. You can not imagine what a thrill of joy filled the heart of every Odd-Fellow on this side of the Atlantic when the announcement was made that our beautiful banner had been unfurled and spread to the breeze in the kingdom of Württemberg. Glorious event—auspicious day—pregnant with the most important results to hundreds of thousands living, and millions yet unborn—and foreshadowing the coming "of that period—yet hidden in the womb of time—to which man looks forward with ardent joy—when the chains of human bondage shall be broken, and the tears and woes of this world shall be submerged by the healing tide that shall flow from the fountains of Benevolence and Peace." Gladly do I stretch out my arm across the wide ocean that separates us, and extend to you the hand of an Odd-Fellow, with the assurance that, though far away, you are near and dear to me—the representative of three hundred thousand worthy brothers, whose souls, like mine, yearn towards you, and who will ever pray to the Giver of Good for the success of the cause of human beneficence, which you have so willingly espoused and so nobly undertaken to promote and

spread in Germany. Your field is wide—your means may be limited, but if you are true to yourselves and to one another, a reward more valuable than gold, and richer and more lasting than earthly gifts, awaits you.

As I can not (though it would afford me the greatest gratification to do so) visit you now, I feel proud in being able to introduce to you—perhaps your first visitor from this country—our esteemed brother, CHARLES A. GALLUBA, of Eagle Lodge, No. 136, of New Jersey, who will visit Stuttgart, his native city, and who will rejoice to meet and greet you as Odd-Fellows. Take him by the hand and make his heart leap with joy and his eyes swim with honest tears, flowing from a soul which, like your own, has been imbued with the hallowed teachings of our beautiful Ritual.

I will be glad, my dear brothers, to hear from you at any and all times, and I will occasionally remind you of our relation by dropping you a few lines.

With an earnest and sincere prayer for your success as a Lodge, and for your individual peace, happiness and prosperity,

I am truly your friend and brother,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND SIRE, G. L. U. S.

Washington, D. C., January 18th, 1871.

DR. JNO. F. MORSE,

Special D. D. Grand Sire for Germany and Switzerland :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : You cannot conceive how anxiously I have been looking for a letter from you in reply to mine of the 22d of December. We have had all sorts of speculations about you. Among others that you had returned to San Francisco; a notice to that effect appearing in the newspapers. I did not believe it myself; but the report caused us to reflect whether it would be well to forward Supplies to you until further advised. But in regard to these no time has been lost. Until within a few days we have been without the German Degree Books, and entirely in the printer's hands, who has treated us badly. However, all is right now, and you will get what you need, except the Digests, which will not be ready (new Digest) for some weeks.

I trust, my dear brother, that you have not been suffering from indisposition, and that all has been and is still well with your family.

The news of the establishment of a Lodge in Stuttgart was received with raptures all over the country; and in many places—especially in San Francisco—the liveliest demonstrations of joy were had.

I write in haste to-day that you may get by the first mail the A. T. P. W. and Ex., as well as the P. W. of the Degree of Rebekah for 1871. Bro. CHARLES A. GALLUBA, a member of Eagle Lodge, No. 136, New Jersey, leaves on Saturday next for Europe. He is a native of Stuttgart, and will be there in a couple of weeks. I have authorized him to give you the A. T. P. W., and for future use I herewith enclose the key. By the next mail I will send (in cypher) the A. T. P. W., etc., for fear Bro. GALLUBA fails to meet you.

With sentiments of esteem, I am, fraternally, yours

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

P. S.—I send you two copies of the key; one may be left with the N. G. of Wurttemberg Lodge, or whoever you may leave in charge.—F. D. S.

Dresden, January 8th, 1871.

FREDERIC D. STUART, Esq.:

DEAR SIR : My husband requests me to write that he has received yours of December 22d, 1870, and is much gratified that you concur in the course he has taken. He hears weekly from Stuttgart, and everything is reported as progressing favorably.

He has not been well since his attack of illness at Stüttgart, and for three weeks has been very ill in bed. He says if he is ever able to write he will have all the things relating to Odd-Fellowship sealed and delivered to the Lodge at Stüttgart, subject to your order.

If he gets well, as soon as it is warm enough he will sail for Baltimore and see you.

I remain yours truly,

C. F. MORSE.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
(Washington, D. C.)

Boston, Mass., February 2d, 1871.

DR. JNO. F. MORSE,

Special D. D. Grand Sire for Germany and Switzerland :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : On Sunday last the painful intelligence reached me, in a letter from your wife, dated Dresden, 8th of January, of your severe illness; and I hasten to express my unfeigned sorrow and deep-felt sympathy for you in your prostrate and helpless condition. May God in His great mercy and boundless goodness, sustain you in your affliction, may He give you peace of mind, and vouchsafe to your wife and little ones far away from sweet home, and dear friends, that consolation and happiness which only those who rely on Him enjoy.

I was surprised to learn that you had not received my letter of the 22d of December. In it I informed you, that, inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of the United States had made no provision in a substantial way for the introduction of Odd-Fellows into Germany, and the spread of the Order in that country, it had been suggested to me to state the facts and apply to the Order here—especially the German Lodges—for aid. Without waiting your reply and approval of the course, I addressed a circular on the subject to the most flourishing Jurisdictions, and am proud to say that already a cheering response has come from various quarters. Before this reaches you, you will have received contributions from—at any rate—San Francisco. By all means reimburse yourself, and make use of the balance in such way as you may deem proper for the purposes and objects for which the money is intended. I trust you will concur in what has been done, and that the delay has not caused you any trouble.

I will not annoy you now with any remarks or suggestions in regard to our offsprng in Stüttgart, nor in reference to your future operations. My prayer is that you may be speedily restored to health.

Fraternally yours,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

Dresden, February 18th, 1871.

FRED. D. STUART, *M. W. Grand Sire, Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. :*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : I am very thankful that I am again able, at least, to write at arm's length. It is a very awkward position for me, but I cannot sit and write at a table or desk.

Your favor of December 22d, containing key to passwords, etc., I received. I had that answered by my little boy, and now I sit down to communicate the agreeable information that the Prussian Government has given us the following authority, to wit : " There is no legal impediment to the introduction of the American Order of Odd-Fellows in Prussia, *as far as the same is in exact accordance* with the regulations respecting its organization, etc., which has been transmitted by Baron GEROLT." * * *

I am most happy to inform you that the "Morning Star" of Stüttgart is rapidly improving in brilliancy and promise. * * *

Every day I am growing more convinced of the inexpressible advantage of our having in German Europe at least four strong model Lodges. From these four Lodges, endowed with extraordinary strength in the beginning, and all Europe would soon be possessed by Odd-Fellowship from their

swarms. The Germans know nothing of our Order, and it is to them an awfully costly experiment to get into a position where they can begin to see and realize its virtues, and this too against a flood-tide of national prejudices and pride. * * * * *

Fraternally yours,

J. F. MORSE.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND SIRE FOR GERMANY, ETC.,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Dresden, March 2, 1871.

FRED. D. STUART, *M. W. Grand Sire Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your favor, bearing date Boston, February 2, I received in due time. I have already written you of my convalescing, and now I am able to add that I am quite strong—have been several times out, and that by next week I contemplate going to Berlin.

Now that I have got the necessary authority from the Prussian Government, I am anxious to fathom the possibilities of Odd-Fellowship in the Imperial city. And it will not be my fault if we do not have a Lodge there which will answer all the demands of "The Ark of our Covenant." I hope to be able to make that a representation of the Order on this continent, which will be a source of inextinguishable glory and happiness to the brotherhood. It makes no difference to us what the government is, for in Germanic Europe, even among the Catholics, we can enlist the warmest and firmest devotees of Odd-Fellowship, and as, fortunately, our maxim is to ignore any and all participation in matters of politics or religion, it is the same to us whether Imperialism, Monarchy, or Democracy gives us welcome.

I am glad to hear that your appeal, to which you refer, is meeting with favorable consideration. I think it was the best thing which could have been done, and I hope the results may enable me to more completely establish the Order before my return.

As yet I have received only the one hundred dollars from Aurora Lodge, Nashville, of which I advised you in my last. Perhaps the reason is my reported illness. Should I receive a good fund in the next two months, I will still have time to use it, perhaps, with good effect. I would like, of all things, to leave in this country at least three healthful, vigorous Lodges, to wit: one in Berlin, one in Stuttgart, and one in Switzerland. These Lodges I wish to see good working bodies, and for that reason, if I get money, I shall give them a *material* inspiration, which will enable them to fulfil our most extravagant expectations of the future. In this feeling and these convictions of necessity, I am sure you would acquiesce if you had been given the opportunity of observation which I have enjoyed.

Of course I shall keep you advised of every movement and be governed by every suggestion you make. I am sorry you have had so much trouble on account of my claim. I am quite content.

Most fraternally, yours,

J. F. MORSE.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND SIRE, G. L. U. S.

Washington, D. C., March 19, 1871.

DR. JNO. F. MORSE,

Special D. D. Grand Sire for Germany and Switzerland:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your letter of the 18th of February came to me day before yesterday (where has it been the last thirty days?) and made my heart rejoice. The announcement, in your own hand-writing, that you were again able to sit up and do a little in the way of business, gave me a thrill of real pleasure. I cannot tell you, my dear brother, how much I have felt for you, and how earnestly I have implored the Great Giver of all good to restore you to health, not only for your own sake, but for the

sake of your dear wife and the loved ones around you, and I had in view, too, the interests of our beloved Order, which have been confided to your care, so far at least as Germany and, I may say, the Continent of Europe, is concerned. May you be quickly restored to perfect health, and permitted to live long and enjoy the rapturous pleasures which the consciousness of having fought a good fight in the noble cause of human benefaction will certainly afford you. It is impossible for me to tell you how glad I was to learn that the Prussian Government had acceded to our wishes in permitting us (you, my dear brother,) to unfurl the beautiful banner of our Order on German soil and to a German breeze. How the hearts of our people—far and wide, on this continent—will rejoice? How grateful will every lover of our noble institution be for this further evidence of Divine favor? We owe, I think, not a little to Baron GEROLT, and it is my intention to communicate, officially, to him the fact that our wishes have been complied with, and tender to him the heartfelt thanks of the Order. Before the Grand Lodge of the United States meets, I presume, from a statement made by yourself, that you will see the Grand Secretary or myself, on your way to California. We will then see what should be done.

I am pleased to learn that you received the key. The letter written by your little boy, dated February 3d, came safely to hand. I was at the time confined to my bed with a severe attack of pneumonia and pleurisy. For nearly three weeks I raised nothing but blood, and now, after a lapse of nearly five weeks, I am only barely able to be about. Grand Secretary RIDGELY, during my illness, attended to all official business connected with my office, and among other things gave a brother by the name of WOLLHEIM a letter of introduction to you. From information in our possession I have reason to believe this brother will be of vast service to you in spreading the Order in Germany—and this reminds me of a letter I gave a brother by the name of GALLUBA, who was to start (January 18th) in a few days for Europe. I wrote to you about him, saying that he was authorized to give you the A. T. P. W., etc. I also gave this brother a letter of introduction to the officers and members of Wurttemberg Lodge. Have you seen or heard anything about him?

Delighted to learn that our Wurttemberg Lodge is flourishing, and to hear that the brothers have determined to fit up a hall specially for Lodge purposes. You will undoubtedly have the means to aid them. I am surprised to learn that you have received only the \$100 from Tennessee. We know that California, Indiana, Illinois, New York, and New Jersey have contributed toward the German cause most liberally. There must have been some difficulty in transmitting the money; but all will be right; you will receive from three to five thousand dollars. I sorely regret, my dear brother, that you should have been put to inconvenience in consequence of not receiving a remittance, as you should have done at once. I informed you that your bill was entirely satisfactory, but the difficulty was, I had no power to draw upon the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United States. All this I think you perfectly understand. I wrote to you about appealing to the Order for aid. Receiving no answer, I took the responsibility, hoping that we would have a ready response, and we did—a hearty, whole-soul response—but, as above stated, some difficulty has occurred about remitting. In regard to telegraphing the news of the establishment of the Lodge at Stuttgart, don't be at all uneasy. No one that I know of ever charged you with the act, and if they had, what harm was there in it—might not the whole world know at the same moment of such a glorious event?

I fear I will weary you, but I must say a few words in regard to your further movements. The field is now open to us. As you say, we should establish at least four good Lodges, endowed with extraordinary strength as to position, intelligence, and means. One of the Lodges should certainly be located in Berlin. You have the very idea. I know your time, energy and heart will be devoted to this object. If you get the means, spare none. Let our best foot be foremost, and abundant success will reward every effort. But can all that should be done by you be done before it is time for you to leave? I assure you, my dear brother, my mind has been sorely exercised concerning your departure from Europe. Who will take your place? Although Odd-Fellowship is firmly rooted in America—its

branches have spread to the islands of the sea—to far-away Australia, and it has borne abundant, delicious fruit—we must bear in mind that wherever it is planted, and especially in Europe, the careful hands of experienced husbandmen, whose hearts are in the cause, will be needed to fertilize the soil, to prune and trim the branches and train them in such a way that prejudice, through ignorance or what else, and opposition through jealousy or distrust, will fail to arrest its growth, or even momentarily cast a shadow of doubt across the minds of its votaries as to its entire success. I stop to say that yours of 2d inst. has just come to hand. I am truly delighted to learn that you have so far recovered as to be able to go out of doors, and further, that by this time you will have been to Berlin, and have no doubt made some headway in the effort to establish a Lodge. No funds yet—I am confounded! No doubt your reported illness deterred some Grand Secretaries from sending the money they received. The official paper, I presume, reached you, as did also the degree and other books sent by same conveyance. Oh, yes, write as often you can. With an earnest prayer for your entire restoration to health,

I am fraternally yours,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire*.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND SIRE, G. L. U. S.

Washington, D. C., March 30th, 1871.

His Excellency BARON GEROLT, *Envoy Extraordinary and*
Minister Plenipotentiary North German Union:

SIR: I take great pleasure in apprising you of the fact that I am in receipt of information from Special Deputy Grand Sire JOHN F. MORSE, residing in Dresden, Saxony, that the Prussian Government has acceded to the request of the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, and Jurisdictions thereunto belonging, to introduce said Order into Germany. The authorities at Berlin say to our representative, "There is no legal impediment to the introduction of the American Order of Odd-Fellows in Prussia as far as the same is in exact accordance with the regulations respecting its organization, etc., which have been transmitted by Baron GEROLT."

Permit me, honored sir, to thank you for myself, and in behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the interest you have manifested in the cause of Odd-Fellowship—which is the cause of humanity—and to assure you that nothing will ever be said or done by the Order in Prussia, or elsewhere, inconsistent with the regulations submitted for your perusal.

With sentiments of profound respect,

I am, your obedient servant,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire*.

LEGATION OF THE GERMAN UNION,

Washington, April 11, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of March 30th last, informing me that the Prussian Government had acceded to your desire of introducing the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows into Germany. I am happy to have been able to contribute to this result for the cause of Odd-Fellowship, which I hope will prove to be a new link to the friendly relations existing between Germany and the United States.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

FR. GEROLT.

FRED. D. STUART, Esq., *M. W. Grand Sire of the*
Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, Washington, D. C.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND SIRE

Of Germanic States and for Switzerland.

R. W. G. L. U. S.

Berlin, April 5, 1871.

To M. W. Grand Sire, FRED. D. STUART :

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I hope you are well enough to make it proper for me to address you now directly, for I am so anxious not only to hear of your complete convalescence, but to communicate to you directly the inspiring news with which successful efforts have invested us.

Just as soon as I heard that we had authority for organizing our Order in Prussia, I felt a burning desire to be in the field at work, and when I was just strong enough to stand the ride to Berlin, I started with the full intention of not leaving King William's domain until a good beginning had been consummated.

As soon as I arrived in this city, March 11th, I telegraphed a man by the name of Berlin, a kind of independent courier, with whom Bro. AUSTIN had become acquainted, and who was by him highly recommended, requesting him if possible to visit me at my hotel. Early the next morning he met me, and was eager to do his utmost in assisting me. This was a glorious assistance, for he is supremely well acquainted here and highly respected by a very excellent class of people. At once we commenced the steps of individual solicitations. A labor of which you can form no conception until you try it among a people who are entirely unacquainted with the good work you would recommend. This business was continued for weeks, acquiring the necessary pledges of co-operation. I then began the preparations for presenting a hall and paraphernalia, which, with the new work to be submitted, would make a satisfactory impression upon the minds enlisted.

After getting all in so forward a state as to insure complete success and a definite time, I wrote for Bro. AUSTIN, who is ever ready and enthusiastic in everything appertaining to our mission, and as many of the brothers of Wurtemberg Lodge as could come; I also telegraphed to Iselohn, Westphalia, for Bro. P. G. R. F. S. OSTHEIM, who is an exceedingly competent German worker in the Ritual.

Bros. AUSTIN and BERNHEIM from Stuttgart, and OSTHEIM, from Westphalia, were prompt in coming, and we anticipated an institution on the 30th of March, Thursday. But it was impossible to get everything ready, and we were compelled to postpone. This presented a difficulty, for the next day was the unlucky day of Friday and too soon for readiness, and the next was "All Fool's day," a disagreeable birthday, and the next was Sunday, and Monday my outside support must leave, so with unanimous selection by the Berliners, Sunday afternoon was taken for institution and installation, and as this change involved expectant membership in disappointments, we adjourned to the next night, the regular meeting evening chosen, when we completed the whole business and launched upon Prussia and the world "Germania Lodge, No. 1, Prussia," with twenty-three as good, as intelligent, as high in rank and influence, as enthusiastic and prepossessing as any twenty-three who ever started a Lodge of Odd-Fellowship this side of sundown.

Yours, ever fraternally,

J. F. MORSE.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND SIRE FOR GERMANY, ETC.

R. W. G. L. U. S.

Berlin, April 10th, 1870.

M. W. Grand Sire FRED. D. STUART :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your letter of March 19th is a happy assurance that pleuro-pneumonia, which we have had to wrestle with almost coincidentally, has not quite closed our voices or stopped the use of our pens. I was intensely gratified to receive such evidence of your recuperative powers,

for it was quite a long period from the last information I had of your being slightly better, with no intermediate account of your condition.

The kindly tone of your letters, and the expressed solicitude for my health, and the cause I represent, affect me far beyond my power of embodying in words or written sentiments my heart-warmed feelings. I have therefore only to hope that in conduct now, and retrospective history, I may prove worthy of such distinguished kindness and compliment as I have received from every one who has corresponded with me on the subject of my mission. I am quite sure I can never forget it. I believe, with you, that to Baron GEROLT, and probably Bro. COLFAX—who, I am told, pleasantly enlisted the Baron's favor—and to Prince BISMARCK's kind consideration, amidst the greatest difficulties of state and war, we owe the most emphatic thanks. I have already written you from Berlin, giving you a full account of our great, but desperately fought for, success in our city.

The Bro. WOLLHEIM, of whom you wrote, you will see I have placed as N. G. of the new Lodge. I have already acknowledged my indebtedness to you for recommending him to me. I was much prepossessed with his appearance, and felt great relief when he came to hand. He is warmly enlisted, and I think will get along well. He contemplates very soon opening an English Lodge in Berlin, which I am sure he can do. I think they will be able to found two or three more Lodges within a year.

My expenses in Berlin have been heavy. I regret this, but it was in obedience to the law of self-preservation. It was life or death—life with the expenditure, or death without it; and that, too, under circumstances in which nobody with any spirit could afford to die. Anyhow, I wouldn't, and didn't, give up; and as yet I must say I am glad of it. I hope you may all approve of what I have done. I have not yet taken any of these moneys for myself, for then I would have had an insufficiency for the achievements which were I think most essential.

Coincidentally with the arrival of your letter came one from Bro. C. V. CLARK, of New York Grand Lodge, remitting 403 thalers. I am, however, much afraid that no sufficient funds are coming to hand in time for me to use them. This 403 are the first and only funds received from anywhere but Aurora and San Francisco Lodges, and the \$900 sent from San Francisco were ninety days after sight, drawn on London, which to use required a liberal discount; yet from the Grand Secretary's letters I learn that thousands have been contributed. I can not understand it. Perhaps miscarriage of letters. But why are the first not soon followed with the second exchange? I feel, personally, no uneasiness, for I am sustained with an unfaltering confidence in the revelations of time with regard to my own trustworthiness, economy and unselfishness; but I deeply lament it, in view of what I could and might yet do for the great cause.

I am sure, indeed I almost know—that you may rest assured of the permanency of the work which has thus far been done, and I'll leave matters in such shape that we can preserve the most healthful balance by home adjustment. Give yourself no uneasiness, for I will not in word or deed deceive you.

I am rejoiced that you are again able to resume that position of usefulness in which your ability and the Order can so effectively co-operate. Like myself, you have a family, and those little household gods and goddesses which carry the prestiges of life with such thrilling solicitude and rapture into the far future, thus indeed were it providential and glorious that God give you recovery.

I wrote to you especially approving your appeal to the general Order, and hoping it success.

With best regards, thanks and esteem,

I am, in haste and fraternally, yours,

JOHN F. MORSE.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND SIRE
Germanic States and Switzerland,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Berlin, May 22, 1871.

F. D. STUART, *M. W. Grand Sire* :

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : In April I had the honor and pleasure of communicating to you the news of the organization of Germania Lodge, No. 1, Prussia. I have had no reply to that, but last night, on my arrival here, Bro. HUGO WOLLHEIM gave me some numbers of the "Heart and Hand" of April 29, in which a portion of my letter to you is published and a great impression made by the lucky thought of sending to the twenty-three Charter members of said Lodge a copy of the published notice or report. And this brings me to an explanation of my present visit here. Immediately after my return to Dresden from the process of forming Germania Lodge, I received a copy of the "New Age," and read in it with much interest an editorial of Bro. ATLEE upon the subject of my mission and labors, and especially enjoining upon me the propriety and duty of not leaving Europe without instituting a subordinate Encampment, even if I made no further efforts in organizing Lodges, urging that it would be much better to thus lodge the full work in competent European hands, who could retain it in safety and at any time work and propagate it.

The more I reflected upon this editorial the more did its suggestions appear consistent and timely, and finally I wrote to Berlin and Stuttgart, saying that if my District Deputies and the brothers generally concurred with me, I would institute an Encampment in each place before I left for home. In a few days after I had the pleasure of a visit from Bro. WOLLHEIM, and he was not only a convert to the project, but assured me that in Berlin he would have an ample membership prepared for me in the briefest possible time. Hardly a week passed till he informed me they were ready with eighteen or twenty petitioners, who hailed my coming to institute them with rapture. Hence my arrival here yesterday, and my meeting in their hall (a horrible rainy evening) seventeen of the expectant petitioners, witnessing and assisting Bro. WOLLHEIM in making them members of the Patriarchal, Golden Rule, and Royal Purple Degrees.

I will not attempt a description of my meeting with these German brothers upon this occasion, and never could describe the enthusiasm which seemed to pervade the consecrated room, the membership and all the recorded acts and incidents which make its short but wonderful history. That very day a musical instrument had been sent to the hall by the Noble Grand, and now for the first time since the organization of the "Germania," the odes were brought out. Brother ZIEGLER, V. G., took a seat at the harmonium, and the opening ode was played and sung, it seemed to me, more exquisitely than I had ever heard it, although, in this instance, if I may be so paradoxical, by the instinct of an educated *sight* glance. God and Nature, and love of harmonies, have made the German a highly developed musical biped. The effect of this fascinating episode was indescribable. Every heart was full of music, every throat was swelling with song, and the beautiful hall, for the first time, was filled with those charming intonations of melody which noble designs, pure hearts, and good deeds can alone inspire. And all of this in the great Empire of Germany, and with the sanction of the Government. All of this in glorious vindication of that principle of our order which I think was not quite fully apprehended by the distinguished author of the Past Grand's charge when he wrote, "The Order of Odd-Fellowship is *progressive* in its character." Had any dissentient member of the vast Order, (if there be one opposed to the German mission in it,) had any one who was not entirely certain of its practicability or utility been present on this rainy evening and witnessed the emotional power there exhibited, nevermore could he have cherished a doubt, nevermore could he have been contented to render the cause a reluctant or passive support.

Bro. WOLLHEIM gave the Degrees in excellent style, and subsequently made every applicant work his way through every Degree, until they were as perfect as himself. The old and the young, with equal zest and patience,

worked through and through, and over and over, until any one of them could have played the part of teacher with a charming ease and exactness.

The material all being in readiness, we instituted the Encampment on the evening of the 23d, there being twenty-two petitioners, all of whom were included in my description of the members of Germania Lodge, except Bro. KOLER, who was omitted by accident in my first report. This brother was the last introduced to the work in constructing that Lodge, and was initiated as a Janitor and Outside Guardian. A very good man. He also joins the Encampment and is very enthusiastic. All the petitioners of Germania Lodge are petitioners for the Encampment, excepting Bro. BELITZER, who is absent from the city.

Monday night preceding the Encampment institution I attended the regular meeting of the above Lodge. They had to ballot upon no less than twelve propositions which had been referred the previous evening. Out of these eleven were elected and one rejected, probably, however, from a misapprehension, which will be corrected, as to the manner of reporting a case. You cannot imagine more enthusiasm, demonstrative and earnest, than is manifested here in Berlin upon the subject. They will probably have seventy-five or eighty members by the 1st of July, commencing the 2d of April with twenty-three.

After the institution of the Encampment was over, they all repaired to Patriarch SCHNEIDER's hotel, where the Patriarchs had prepared a splendid and sumptuous supper as a parting compliment to your humble servant. I never saw the process of festivity marked with more pungency, more earnestness of speech, of fervidness, of real soul-warmed gratitude. How warmly did they applaud the Odd-Fellows of the United States for their disinterested kindness in inspiring and supporting the German mission, and I would not dare to write the one-half of the unmerited compliments which they were disposed to render me. I did not know that the German character could warm up to such a burning altitude and meridian. But this, more than any single circumstance, was most significant of what may be yet expected from Germanic Odd-Fellowship.

Dresden, May 24th. I have had no time, of course, to finish my letter, and even now I have a call which requires all my time to get ready in two hours for a very important meeting here in Dresden. I must wait till 25th.

25th. Last night I held a meeting of Dresdeners, which has at last broken up all the ice and precipitated the very summer of promise upon us. From the frigid we have now but one single step into the torrid zone. Now I shall institute Saxonia Lodge next Thursday night, with probably not less than twenty or perhaps twenty-five members, excellent men, who will give to the very beginning of the enterprise an impregnable position; and what was singularly providential, one gentleman begged the privilege of having a brother of his admitted who lives in Munich, and who will go back with a Lodge germ in his heart for that city.

I can assure you that our order in Europe is a fixed institution, without a single feeble or sickly feature or expression. Indeed, I prophesy that the ratio of its growth will far outstrip ours in the next ten years.

But I have now so much to do in putting Saxonia on her feet, or rather of providing a seat for her, she's a sitting lady, that I must close. I read of you in the South, and I hope your visitations will add a touchstone of restoration to the order throughout the South, and that indirectly our Fraternity may prove a beneficent agent in reuniting forever and forever a divided household. To this end may God bless your efforts and exalt your labors.

With the hope that my acts may have your approval, I am,

Most sincerely and truly yours,

JOHN F. MORSE.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE GRAND SIRE G. L. U. S.
Washington, D. C., June 10th, 1871.

DR. J. F. MORSE,
Special D. D. Grand Sire for Germany and Switzerland:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters, dated respectively 5th, 7th and 10th of April, which came to Wash-

ington while I was South, (they were sent to the Grand Secretary, as my whereabouts were not known exactly,) also yours of 23d of May—last words 25th. I need not tell you, my dear brother, that the perusal of your several letters afforded me inexpressible pleasure. Although I could not hear from you, my thoughts were constantly in the direction of Germany, hoping and praying for the success of the cause in which you have been and are so zealously engaged. I need not now (as I shall, I hope, soon have the pleasure of taking you by the hand) refer particularly and in detail to the contents of your letters. I congratulate you and our vast brotherhood, however, upon the glorious victory you have achieved in spreading our noble banner to the breeze in the capital of the Prussians—and by this time that same banner is waving over Saxon soil, and we have erected a tent in Berlin—an Encampment is at work, and Patriarchs have assembled around the sacred altar. My heart warms when I think of the glory that awaits our beloved Order.

I would write to you more fully, but doubt much whether this will reach Dresden before you leave for home.

As you said nothing about the new sign of recognition, I presume Bro. OSTHEIM gave it to you. The Grand Secretary has said all to you that I can about many affairs.

Wishing you a safe return to the United States, and hoping that I may early meet you,

I am very truly yours,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND SIRE G. L. U. S.
Washington, D. C., July 1st, 1871.

DR. JNO. F. MORSE,

Special D. D. Grand Sire for Germany and Switzerland :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Returning from a trip to Vermont, where I had been to establish a Grand Encampment, I found your welcome letter dated 7th June. I confess that in consequence of my protracted illness during the winter, and since then my almost continued absence from home, first far away in the sunny South, endeavoring to cheer up our discouraged, and in some cases, languishing brothers, and then far North among the Green Mountains, where I myself was cheered with the most indubitable evidences of success of our beloved Order, and my heart made glad with the flattering prospects of future prosperity which everywhere I met, I have not written to you as frequently as I might, and probably should have done, but I knew that you would keep our esteemed Grand Secretary fully posted in regard to your doings in the cause of Odd-Fellowship. On the 10th of June I wrote to you briefly, thinking then that by this time I would have the extreme pleasure of taking you by the hand. I do not wish you to think that I am indifferent to what is going on in the interests of our noble Order in Germany, nor that I am ignorant of the herculean effort you have made to establish it on a firm and solid basis on European soil. Every word you have written to me, and to the Grand Secretary, for I have the privilege of perusing your letters to him, has been read by me with unspeakable pleasures—warming my heart and making it rejoice in a knowledge of the fact that God, in His infinite goodness, has smiled benignantly upon our united efforts—you, the great instrument, to unfold to countless thousands the blessings which accrue to those who are permitted to enter within our sacred walls. Far from home I heard of the institution of Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, at Dresden, and with the brothers who surrounded me at the time—and heard the joyful news—lifted up my voice in thanksgiving and praise for the success which had attended your untiring efforts. I know that you have had to work hard to accomplish what you have—and I know, too, that, although our people in the States have not generally seemed to appreciate the importance of your mission, and the untold benefits to humanity which will result therefrom, when you return to your country and home you will have no cause to regret that you have been engaged in such an ennobling—such a glorious, and such a philanthropic work. It is a source of pleasure

to me to learn that you have found in Bro. WOLLHEIM so much to commend and esteem—that you can confide in him—and that there are others in our ranks in Germany whose hearts are imbued with the great principles of Odd-Fellowship. Are you not thankful that you met with such noble souls? And should we not all be proud that the infant Order is to be nursed by such tender, loving hands, and that the pure principles of Friendship, Love and Truth are to be taught by men who know and feel the influence of the triple link. Perhaps we may account for the success of our cause in Germany. Bees seek the sweetest flowers, and are attracted from far and near to where the treasure-honey is to be found. The fragrance of the incense, on the altar which you held out to the brothers in Germany, and to others, if they would inhale its invigorating fumes, has gathered around you men who appreciate Odd-Fellowship, and who will, no doubt, second your efforts in behalf of humanity. I am truly obliged to you for every word you have written.

The unusual cold I experienced in Vermont and New Hampshire—having but a couple of weeks before been breathing the warm and genial air of the ever balmy and fragrant South—nearly prostrated me; indeed I returned home ill, with frightful prospects of a return of my old complaint, pleurisy and pneumonia. Your letter acted like a charm—I forgot, for the time, my ills, and really think I have much improved within the past forty-eight hours, so cheering, so enlivening were your words. Many thanks for the names, etc., of the brothers comprising "Saxonia"—just the kind of men we want. I shall send your letter, with the list, to the II. and III., though the press has already spoken out about your last exploit. I notice what you say about those to whom our thanks are due for their valuable aid to you in the furtherance of our cause; when you get here we will do them full justice. You are by this time in Berne; may your efforts in Switzerland be as successful as they have been in Germany—and they will be, I have not the slightest doubt. Bear in mind, my dear brother, God is on our side, and you have the prayers of upwards of 300,000 men, who, if not all, many of them, are constantly praying for your success.

I acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of the picture presented by the brothers of Germania, No. 1, Berlin. Bro. RIDGELY and myself intend to send each of the Lodges our photographs. Convey to one and all at Stuttgart, Berlin, and at Dresden, my warmest fraternal greetings, and say that it is not at all improbable (if God spares my life) that I shall have the pleasure of meeting them in person, and telling them how near they are to me as members of the great family of Odd-Fellows, and with what pleasure I shall welcome every breeze which brings intelligence of their prosperity. Accept for yourself the assurance of my esteem and fraternal regard.

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND SIRE
For Germanic States and Switzerland.
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Dresden, June 7th, 1871.

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire:*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Although I have received no letters from you for many months, yet I take great pleasure in keeping you scrupulously advised of all my doings, and especially to allow no considerable event of success to pass by without giving you the good tidings.

I have now the great satisfaction of communicating the fact that last night I instituted Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, Dresden, Saxony, with no less than fifty petitioning members, and I had to hurry matters of institution to avoid a hundred. Such an evening no one could ever forget. I had a glorious deputation from Germania Lodge, Berlin, of Bros. HUGO WOLLHEIM, N. G. of Germania, whom I esteem more and more every day; and REINHOLD ZIEGLER, V. G., and Treasurer SCHNEIDER, Conductor HAUN and Bro. ALTWATER, all of whom are beloved and full of the blazing warmth of our

Fraternity. Here I had Bro. ARNOUX made N. G., who will make a good Saxon WOLLHEIM, and a learned Professor MUNITIUS made V. G., whom the brothers have elevated to the highest places, and who are full of aptness and enthusiasm. I think, indeed, that the offices are admirably filled, and will be very soon splendidly performed, in ability and earnestness.

With such resources it was not a very difficult thing to go through with the whole process of institution, election and installation of officers. But there was something so thrilling in the geometric strides which were respectively made by these three Lodges in Germany—something so strangely and almost capriciously interesting in the spring of Wurtemberg 1st to Germania 2d, and then Saxonia 3d, that one can scarcely avoid the most extravagant anticipations with respect to the future. First, twelve petitioners; second, twenty-three; and the third and last, fifty. To one who is fully conversant with the difficulty of opening the first Lodge with twelve, the last one with fifty, seems an embodied and yet a very agreeable inconsistency. However the news of the organization of Saxonia Lodge may be received at home, you may be assured it is a subject of intense satisfaction (I have written, but I might have said rapture) here. The delight and astonishment seems to be equally great in Stuttgart, Berlin, and Dresden.

The following is a list of the petitioners, their ages and occupations, which was made out for me by the N. G., and which I include as received from him. You will perceive that the harvest is becoming too abundant to particularize the laborers, and now, in my great haste to get away to Switzerland, I must be content to speak of these, our new Saxonian brothers, in their collective capacity and claims. In this way I am able to give you in a few words assurances which I am confident will inspire you with the profoundest satisfaction and pleasure. It would be difficult to find a body of men recommended by better traits of character, healthier or better looking. They are, as you perceive by the list, the representatives of a great variety of pursuits, and just such men as always best appreciate the claims and virtues of any institution whose chief adornments are true and complete benevolence and kindness. Oh! how I wish you could have witnessed this grand event. Every individual seemed utterly absorbed, not in noticing the obvious and inevitable deficiencies which must characterize the work under such circumstances, but wholly lost in the contemplation of a glorious future which was clearly foreshadowed to them even in the first gleams of the rising orb of brotherhood and benevolence. I am myself almost bewildered with such exhibitions of interest in an institution which is not only alien and strange, but which I am compelled to believe has suffered very considerably in the German costume, or text, in which it has been presented to the German mind. But there is a weird power in good and humane intentions which acts—or seems to, at any rate—with an invisible potency and independently of language. In every Lodge now formed, and in the Encampment, at a befitting time, I have spoken to a German audience in English, and never without feeling an almost oppressive conviction that I was speaking to hearts and minds which were all and intensely mine for the time being. Hence my conclusion that there is something in positive and unselfish kindness which needs neither language nor familiarity to be understood and appreciated.

I hope you will stir some of the brothers or Lodges to send to the Lodge and principal officers a copy of new Digest, or some token which will cement the union and make the covenant complete.

But I can not write a long letter. I have but a short time now to devote to the sublime function with which I have been so generously supplied, and in which so nobly sustained. On the first of July, I must begin to pay some attention to my own exclusive interest and professional objects; and if, by hurrying, I can be as highly favored as to at last engraft the Order upon Switzerland, I shall feel that I have done quite all that could have been reasonably asked of me in one year. Day after to-morrow morning I start for Berne. With the best wishes for your own good health and happiness, and with profound gratitude for your kindness and consideration,

I am warmly and truly yours,

J. F. MORSE.

SAXONIA LODGE, No. 1, DRESDEN.

ame. noux,	Age. 26 years.	Occupation. Secretary U. S. Consulate,	Residence. Nebraska and Dresden, Chem-	
anitus,	65	"	nitzer strasse,	21
Martin,	40	"	Kaitzer strasse,	26
Rohrig,	31	"	Circus strasse,	5
Neubert,	40	"	Elisen strasse,	2
gel,	27	"	See strasse,	3
hmann,	37	"	Hotel Bellevue,	
upt,	32	"	An der Elbe,	6
Strobel,	32	"	Jacobs gasse,	7
Modes,	27	"	Topfer gasse,	9
Schramm,	48	"	See strasse,	14
irstell,	28	"	Littichau strasse,	14
Bohme,	45	"	Wilsdruffer strasse,	19
urm,	38	"	Grosse Oberseer gasse,	9
Kayser,	27	"	Munich (Carl strasse, 26).	
Müller,	35	"	See Strasse,	18
ld Kohler,	34	"	Victoria strasse,	1
auer,	37	"	Keunitz strasse,	17
irm,	36	"	Mathildia strasse,	36
ulf,	45	"	Struve strasse,	10
inslow,	20	"	Grosse Kirch gasse,	9
Muhlig,	"	"	New York (Kaitzer strasse, 26).	
hottmann,	35	"	Caminzer strasse,	19
ansch,	33	"	Amalien strasse,	28
Klink,	39	"	Muritz strasse,	8
Backhaus,	43	"	Frauen strasse,	12
Vegener,	45	"	Kl. Bruder gasse,	3
ul,	45	"	Ladnhaussadshen,	1
Schindler,	37	"	Feeibergerplatz,	27
Seyboth,	46	"	Gruner strasse,	2
Hartmann,	44	"	Johannis strasse,	10
i. Schmid,	56	"	Laudhaus strasse,	21
bert,	21	"	Gresse Brudergasse,	27
o Koch,	31	"	Denver City (Johannisplatz, 15.)	
Berach,	41	"	Papiermuhlen gasse,	13
Herrmann,	46	"	Hotel Bellevue,	
Neuhauser,	27	"	Laudhaus strasse,	19
Kruger,	37	"	Hotel Bellevue,	
rause,	30	"	Elberg,	7
Heinsius,	25	"	Victoria strasse,	27
Wigand,	52	"	Pillnitzer strasse,	45
ebelt,	35	"	Marien strasse,	6
Lange,	28	"	Frauen strasse,	7
mmermann,	36	"	Rohrhoff gasse,	5
Wehnert,	36	"	Schloss strasse,	3
Spot,	"	"	Wall strasse,	12
		"	Mosezynski strasse,	2

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND SIRE
For Germanic States and Switzerland.
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Zurich, June 20, 1871.

D. D. STUART, *M. W. Grand Sire* :

Y DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : I am now compelled hurriedly to advise of the termination of my labors in the way of diffusing Odd-Fellowship Europe through the organization of "Helvetia" Lodge, No. 1, Zurich, zerland. Last night, with the assistance of Bro. SCHÖTTLE, of Wurt-berg Lodge, I instituted the above organization, with ten petitioning ivers. These are the brothers upon whom is devolved the duty and ed privilege of maintaining the first Lodge of Odd-Fellowship ever ided upon Swiss soil :

Heinrich, 25 years, Secretary of U. S. Consulate at Zurich, Noble nd ; Ed. Attenhofer, 29 years old, dealer in books and paintings, Vice nd ; Adolph Zundel, 38 years, manufacturer of ladies' wardrobes, Rel-ling Secretary ; G. Rau, 32 years, interpreter, Permanent Secretary ; C. in, 34 years, commission merchant, Treasurer ; C. Furst, 35 years, hotel

keeper, (Hotel Zum Storchen,) L. S. to N. G. ; Ch. H. Krauss, 32 years, manufacturer of shirts, R. S. to N. G. ; M. Ammann, 38 years, ornamental painter, R. S. to V. G. ; N. Hoelzenbein, 37 years, superintendent of railroad machine shops, L. S. to V. G. ; A. Christinat, 27 years, clerk of hotel ; Z. Storchen, R. S. S., and A. Zundel.

These brothers all stand well in the community, are (as you will see) of splendid ages, and they possess an intelligence and nerve-power which will mature a grand harvest of Odd-Fellowship in this interesting and favored land of European republicanism.

Thus you perceive I have made a circuit which embraces pretty extensively all the ground, covered by my too extensive commission. I have allowed no discouragements to change my purpose, nor have I accepted failure by surrender in a single field entered. The greater the difficulties the greater always have been the triumphs. These were severe in Berlin and terrific in Dresden, but you already know what the result was in each instance. And now, in retrospect, I can not detect a considerable feature of discouragement to the most sanguine expectation. I hope you are satisfied with my efforts, if not with my ability. I scarcely know of anything I could have done which I have neglected, and yet I know very well that but for the distinguished assistance which the Order everywhere has given me, especially brothers here, whom I have acknowledged repeatedly, I would not, could not now enjoy that deep feeling of contentment and satisfaction which I feel. We have done that which I believe receives the approbation of God, and which must tend, in interminable operation, to mitigate the sorrows and ills to which our frail humanity is everywhere liable. Thank Him "whom we are taught to regard as our Father," thanks to the warm hearts of our noble Order, and thanks to every encouraging instrumentality which has assisted in the sublime and holy mission. I intend to start on the 15th or 17th of August from England.

With sincere thanks and gratitude, I am ever

Most devotedly your brother in F., L. and T.,
J. F. MORSE.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND SIRE G. L. U. S.
Washington, D. C., July 7, 1871.

DR. JOHN F. MORSE,

Special D. D. Grand Sire for Germany and Switzerland :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : It is with more than ordinary pleasure that I acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated June 20th, announcing the gratifying intelligence that you had succeeded in unfurling the beautiful banner of our Order in Switzerland. Glorious achievement—one that you may well be proud of, as the last and crowning act, at least for the present, connected with your duties as Special Deputy Grand Sire for Germany and Switzerland. Your letter has already gone to the "Heart and Hand," and in a few hours it will be known to many thousands of anxious waiting Odd-Fellows that "Helvetia" Lodge, No. 1, has been instituted at Zurich, in the land of the "high hill men"—free and enlightened Switzerland. I congratulate you, my dear brother, and I congratulate our Order, too, in view of the importance of this, your last effort in behalf of our noble Order. Surely I agree with you that to God we should be thankful for the success that has attended your efforts in Europe in diffusing the principles of Odd-Fellowship, and opening the way to millions of our race to peace, happiness, and fraternal unity.

I will not trouble you now with a long letter. Present to the members of each of the Lodges my kindest brotherly regards, and say to them that my earnest prayer shall ever be for their success as individuals, and for the prosperity of the great cause of humanity in which they are engaged. I judge from your last letter that by this time you will have left the Continent. I trust you have had a proper understanding with the brothers to whom you have delegated power to act after your retirement.

With best wishes for your health and safe return to your native land,

I am, very truly, your friend,

FRED. D. STUART, *Grand Sire.*

On motion of Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, the report of the M. W. Grand Sire was referred to a Special Committee, to distribute the several subjects referred to to appropriate Committees.

The CHAIR named the following as the Committee: Rep. MEDOLE, of New York; SHERLOCK, P. G. Sire; BAKER, of Delaware; WILKERSON, of Missouri; and MADDEN, of New York.

The G. Cor. and Rec. Secy. submitted his Annual Report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary respectfully submits his Annual Report. The following resolutions comprehend, it is believed, the several special duties devolved upon him to be performed during the recess:

1. *Resolved*, That fifteen copies of the Daily Journal be furnished to each Officer, Representative and P. G. Sire.

2. *Resolved*, That fifteen copies of the Report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be furnished to each Grand Officer, Grand Representative, and P. G. Sire, for distribution.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to furnish each Representative and Past Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge with a copy of the Book of Forms.

4. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to contract with JAMES YOUNG, P. G. Rep. of Baltimore, for printing the Revised Journal of the present Session in accordance with his proposal herewith submitted, and on paper equal to sample submitted and marked "approved."

5. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary draw his draft on the Grand Treasurer for one hundred dollars, in payment of bill of JOSEPH WINTERBURN & Co. of San Francisco, for distribution of the Journal of Proceedings of 1869.

6. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Messrs. BRADLEY & RULOFSON for the beautiful work of art presented by them, and that the same be appropriately placed by the Grand Secretary.

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby requested to record in the Journal of each Session the names of Past Grand Representatives who may be present, (and report to said officer,) and that a copy of the Revised Journal be mailed to each Past Grand Representative whose name may appear therein.

8. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward to each Past Grand Sire the same number of copies of the Revised Journal and other papers as are furnished to other members of this Grand Lodge.

9. *Resolved*, That after the Digest is completed and the full cost ascertained, the M. W. Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall ascertain the actual cost per volume, and copies thereof shall be sold to individuals or Subordinate Bodies at an advance of fifty per cent. upon such cost, and to Grand Bodies at an advance of twenty-five per cent. upon such cost.

10. *Resolved*, That the Grand Sire elect, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire elect, and R. W. Grand Secretary be and they are hereby clothed with full authority to do what they may deem right and proper for the introduction of the Order into Germany.

11. *Resolved*, That the subject of the introduction of Odd-Fellowship into the West India Islands be and is hereby referred to the M. W. Grand Sire elect, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire elect, and the R. W. Grand Corresponding

and Recording Secretary, with authority to take such action in the premises as may in their opinion seem expedient.

12. *Resolved*, That Dismissal Certificates shall be provided by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and be sold as other Supplies are sold, and at the same rate as Cards.

13. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and the R. W. Grand Representatives from Maryland, residing in the city of Baltimore, constitute a Committee on Printing; and they are hereby authorized to contract for the printing of "Charge Books," Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's Reports, the Daily and Revised Journal, and all other printing of whatsoever kind which may be required for the use of this Grand Lodge.

14. *Resolved*, That Article 28 of the By-Laws be so amended that it shall read as follows:

Six weeks previous to the holding of any Session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one of the daily papers of the city in which such Session is to be held, to invite proposals for printing the Daily and Revised Journal of this body, including the Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's Reports; the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal ready for distribution, the printing to be done according to the style of the Revised Journal. The matter of the Revised Journal to be stereotyped, and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purpose of the law requiring the distribution of the Proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state as near as practicable in the advertisement; and such proposals for the said work shall be opened and examined four weeks previous to the Session of the Grand Lodge, by the Committee on Printing, composed of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and the R. W. Grand Representatives of Maryland, residing in the city of Baltimore, at which time the contracts shall be awarded.

15. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing, the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the Maryland Representatives, (residing in Baltimore,) be and they are hereby authorized to procure the printing of copies of the Revised Journal, so as to complete two hundred sets, in accordance with the recommendation of the R. W. Grand Secretary.

16. *Resolved*, That the sum of thirty-two thousand three hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the payment of the current expenses of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, and that the Grand Secretary draw his Warrants on the Grand Treasurer therefor, as proper bills may be presented.

17. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to have the Odes herewith presented, together with those previously adopted for use in the Rebekah degree, printed in the English and German languages, and that the price of the same be fixed at five cents each.

18. *Resolved*. That with full appreciation of the spirit which animated our brethren of Templar Lodge, No. 17, of California, in making their munificent donation for the purpose of introducing our Order into Germany, this Grand Lodge hereby tenders its thanks to that Lodge for its large-hearted liberality. That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to transmit to Templar Lodge, No. 17, California, a duly attested copy of the foregoing resolution.

19. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to each officer and member of this Grand Lodge ten copies of the Revised Journal of the present Session.

20. *Resolved*, That the same officer forward the remaining copies of the Daily Journal to such officers and members as are entitled under resolutions passed at this Session.

21. *Resolved*, That a copy of the new Digest be furnished to each officer and member of this Grand Lodge; also, a full bound copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge to officers and members who have not received the same.

22. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized and requested to forward by mail, postage paid, the number of the Revised Journal of this Session to each Officer, Member, Representative and P. G. Representative which, by resolution, they are entitled to; also, the copies of the Daily Proceedings which have not been furnished.

23. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire be requested to sit for his portrait, to be placed in the Grand Lodge room, and that the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for such an amount as may be necessary to carry this resolution into effect.

24. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to procure, as far as possible, bound copies of the complete Journals of all the Grand Bodies under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, up to and inclusive of the Annual Session of 1870.

The first, second and third resolutions have been each complied with. In obedience to the fourth resolution, a contract was entered into with Bro. JAMES YOUNG, of Baltimore, P. G. Rep., for printing the Revised Journal in accordance with his proposal accepted by the Committee on Printing; the work was performed in a satisfactory manner and distributed from the printing office within the time prescribed by law. The authority conferred by the fifth resolution was exercised at an early day after the close of the last Session, the payment directed was made through the instrumentality and courtesy of T. ROGERS JOHNSON, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California.

I had the pleasure of transmitting, as directed by the sixth resolution, the thanks of the Grand Lodge to Messrs. BRADLEY & RULOFSON, of San Francisco, California, for the beautiful work of art and valuable memorial presented by them to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to place the same appropriately. A copy of the letter of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, accompanying the vote of thanks, is herewith submitted.

The seventh resolution has been carried into effect; the names appear at page 4938 Journal, a copy of which was mailed to each P. G. Representative.

The eighth resolution was obeyed.

There was some embarrassment in exercising the powers conferred in the ninth resolution upon the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, owing to the difficulty of ascertaining with precision the cost of the Digest; some considerable expense attending the delivery of the copies ordered for free distribution, and other inevitable unforeseen outlays incident to all new publications, rendered a strict compliance with the resolution impossible. The price fixed therefore was necessarily based upon approximate data, which it was believed varied not very far from the actual figures; accordingly without adhering positively to the terms prescribed by the resolution of fifty per cent. upon cost to individuals, and twenty-five per cent. to Grand Bodies, the price was rated at \$2.50 per copy to individuals, and \$2.25 to Grand Bodies. This, in view of the character of the work as a law book, the quality of the material employed in its production, and the style of its mechanical execution, is an unprecedentedly low price; the Order is indebted for this advantage to the business management and prudent supervision of Bro. JOHN H. WHITE, G. Rep. of New York, to whom the publication was exclusively committed by resolution of last Session. It is much to be regretted that in consequence of a disastrous fire, which entirely destroyed the extensive establishment of the contractors, WEED, PARSONS & Co., of Albany, N. Y., a vexatious and somewhat prolonged delay took place in the delivery of the work. I have, nevertheless, the satisfaction of reporting that the whole edition, three thousand copies, has been delivered, about one-half anterior to the fire in April, and the balance during the month of August, 1871. The edition has been nearly all sold, a sufficient number of copies only being reserved to supply Representatives to the present Session, who have not heretofore received the work. It will be proper to authorize a new edition, and I recommend that the author be employed to correct and revise the work if errors or omissions have been detected, and to add thereto the adjudications of the present Session, and also that he be authorized to contract for and supervise the printing of the new

edition. By the burning of the extensive establishment of Messrs. WEED, PARSONS & Co., at Albany, N. Y., one hundred and forty-five pages of the stereotype, being in actual use, were entirely destroyed; these have been reproduced at the expense of the Grand Lodge of the United States. This loss was not the result of want of proper consideration on the part of those to whose hands the interest of the Grand Lodge in this regard was committed. At the instance of the Grand Secretary, Bro. WHITE applied several weeks anterior to the fire to WM. LACY, a member of the Order and a highly respectable Insurance Agent in Albany, to effect proper insurance on the stereotyped plates against fire. Bro. LACY, upon examining the premises, reported to Bro. WHITE that the plates being kept in a fire-proof vault by the printers, no expense need be incurred for insurance. Upon this report no risk was asked for. This disinterested advice, as the sequel disclosed, was perfectly reliable, since the plates in the vaults were not injured, and only those in the printing office in actual use were destroyed. I have caused insurance to be effected on the stereotyped plates, and have continued them for the present in the custody of the printers, to await the pleasure of the Grand Lodge in the premises. This is not the place for expressing an opinion upon the merits of the work, yet I may be pardoned for venturing to remark that it has given universal satisfaction to the Brotherhood, and has been sought for with the greatest avidity; the mechanical execution has produced a general desire that all the publications of the Order should hereafter be made to approach it as a standard as well in the material employed as in the style of workmanship displayed.

The authority devolved by the tenth and eleventh resolutions upon the Grand Secretary in conjunction with the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, was exercised upon proper conference, and will be more appropriately reported upon by the M. W. Grand Sire.

In conformity with the twelfth resolution, a form of "Dismissal Certificate" was provided, and supplied to the several Jurisdictions, for the design of which we are indebted to the M. W. Grand Sire.

The law, set forth in the thirteenth and fourteenth resolutions, constituting the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the Representatives of Maryland, residing in the city of Baltimore, as a "Committee on Printing," has been carried into effect, and the supplies for the year, embracing the Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's Reports, have been obtained in consequence at a considerable reduction upon former prices: a special report on this and all other subjects committed to it will be made by the Committee during the Session.

The fifteenth resolution received the prompt attention of the Committee on Printing, to whose report I beg to refer for full information on the subject. I availed myself of the opportunity to cause an equal number of the pamphlet copies of the Journal of 1868-69 and 1870 remaining on hand, to be arranged for binding, by the preparation of a proper title page and index, and thus the sixth volume will be produced and added to the series. This volume, comprising the administrations of Brothers E. D. FARNSWORTH, P. G. Sire, and FRED. D. STUART, M. W. Grand Sire, with a view to uniformity in the work, will be embellished with the portraits of these distinguished officers. This edition, two hundred copies, brings the bound Revised Journals up to and inclusive of the Session of 1870, all of which will be required to meet the present orders, and to supply Grand Representatives. It is worthy of consideration, whether the further publication of this work shall be continued. Heretofore its reprint from time to time has been very expensive and unprofitable in view of its gratuitous distribution, for the most part. This has been submitted to by the Grand Lodge on account of the advantage to the Order at large arising from its general diffusion, and in deference to a practice which has prevailed for many years, to present a copy of the entire work to each newly-elected Grand Representative who had not already received one. The work now comprises six volumes octavo, making 5,000 pages; by the addition of the Journals of every recurring annual session, its bulk will be increased several hundred pages; it is obvious, therefore, that to reprint such a work will involve correspondingly ever increasing cost. Without presuming to interfere with the long established practice now grown to be a common law, I very respectfully suggest that to save the

necessity and expense of a reprint of the seventh and all future volumes of this valuable book, an increased number of the Revised Annual Journal of 1871 and all future years be printed, and the excess, after distributing the proper quota under existing laws to each Jurisdiction, be reserved in the office of the Grand Secretary, to be bound into volumes from time to time as required. This will, it is believed, be a wise course, whether it be deemed necessary or not to continue the reprint of the Revised Journals. In view, however, of the fulness and general sufficiency of the new Digest and its reliability, there does appear to be no necessity for a continuance of this large expense, especially if by law the Digest should be recognized as authority *per se*.

The Grand Secretary has discharged the duty prescribed by the sixteenth and seventeenth resolutions.

I had the honor of transmitting, as directed by the eighteenth resolution, to Templar Lodge, No. 17, of California, an attested copy of the resolution passed at the last session, expressive of the high sense entertained by the Grand Lodge, of its munificent donation for introducing Odd-Fellowship into Germany. A copy of my letter accompanying is herewith submitted.

The nineteenth and twentieth resolutions have been carried out.

A copy of the new Digest, so soon as received, was furnished in conformity to the twenty-first resolution, to each officer and member of the Grand Lodge; a full bound copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge has not yet been supplied for the reason that the work has not been received from the printer. A copy also of the Digest was presented to each of the Periodicals for their critical examination and review, and also to each D. D. Grand Sire.

The twenty-second resolution had my attention, and it is believed that the Revised Journal of the last Session reached the members of the Grand Lodge in safety through the mail as directed.

The portrait of the M. W. Grand Sire, ordered at the last Session, has not yet been received: so soon as received, the twenty-third resolution will be obeyed.

I have the pleasure to report that in conformity to the twenty-fourth resolution, I have procured, as far as possible, bound copies of the complete Journals of the several Grand Bodies under this Jurisdiction up to and inclusive of the year 1870. This acquisition has been made after diligent and persistent effort through several years, for which I am under great obligations to the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes of the subordinate Grand Jurisdictions, each of whom rendered his cordial co-operation in furtherance of the object. The collection is highly valuable, and is perhaps the only one extant. It will supply a convenient and ready source for reference and authority to the members, touching the progressive legislation of the respective Grand Bodies which they represent, and constitutes, in connection with the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the principal material out of which those who come after us must construct the history of Odd-Fellowship.

The following list will show how far the collection has been made complete and also in what respect deficiencies still exist, to which I respectfully invite the attention of the Grand Officers of the several Jurisdictions concerned. I have caused the complete Journals received to be well bound, and placed on the shelves of the library of the Grand Lodge.

LIST OF JOURNALS OF STATE GRAND BODIES NOW IN LIBRARY OF GRAND
LODGE OF UNITED STATES, COMPLETE.

Grand Lodges.

Grand Lodge of Maryland.	
" "	Massachusetts.
" "	New York, as far as can be had.
" "	New Jersey.
" "	Nevada.
" "	Ontario.
" "	Colorado.
" "	Minnesota.
" "	West Virginia.

Grand Lodge of Iowa.

"	"	Kansas.
"	"	Northern New York.
"	"	Illinois.
"	"	Alabama.
"	"	Connecticut.
"	"	Missouri.
"	"	Nebraska.
"	"	Georgia.
"	"	Oregon.
"	"	Florida.
"	"	Louisiana.
"	"	California.

*Grand Encampments.***Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.**

"	"	New York.
"	"	New Jersey.
"	"	Ohio.
"	"	Northern New York.
"	"	Connecticut.
"	"	Missouri.
"	"	District of Columbia.
"	"	California.
"	"	Kansas.
"	"	Ontario.

LIST OF PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND LODGES INCOMPLETE :

Pennsylvania, from November 28, 1855, to June 30, 1856.
 District of Columbia, from November, 1826, to 1847.
 Ohio, from January 28, 1832, to 1842, inclusive.
 Kentucky, from page 148 to page 179, (inclusive) 1847, and from page 274 to 301, between May, 1848, and January, 1849.
 Indiana, from August 14, 1837, to July, 1845, and Nov., 1856, May 1859, May, 1864, Nov., 1865, May, 1867, Nov., 1868, and May, 1869.
 Mississippi, from May 4th, 1838, to October, 1845, and July, 1846, July, 1860, to July, 1870.
 Texas, from April 19, 1841, to April, 1850, and from April, 1857, to 1839, inclusive.
 Tennessee, from August, 1845, to 1846.
 South Carolina, July, 1858, July, 1864, and July, 1865.
 North Carolina, from 1849 to 1853, inclusive; from 1855 to 1858, inclusive, and from 1863 to 1866, inclusive.
 Rhode Island, from June, 15, 1844, to June, 1848, inclusive.
 New Hampshire, from July 9, 1844, to February, 1855, and 1862, 1866, 1870 and 1871.
 Michigan, from November, 1844, to January, 1845, inclusive, also 1853, 1854, 1860, 1865, 1866 and 1867.
 Wisconsin, from January 9, 1847, to January, 1848, inclusive, also 1832, 1853, 1854, 1858 and 1866.
 Arkansas, from 1862 to 1866, inclusive, and 1871.
 Vermont, December, 1847, 1852, 1854, 1855, and 1858 to 1869, inclusive.
 Lower Provinces, from July, 1855, to 1871.
 Colorado, 1870.
 Maine, from 1849 to 1853, 1855 to 1858, 1863 to 1866.

LIST OF PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND ENCAMPMENTS, INCOMPLETE :

Maryland, from July, 1856, to July, 1862, inclusive.
 Kentucky, from 1835 to 1845, inclusive, last session of 1847, all of 1848 and 1849, first sessions of 1850, 1851 and 1852, all of 1853, and first session of 1854 and 1855.
 Virginia, 1843 and 1844, 1848, and 1850 to 1853, inclusive, 1855 and 1856, from 1859 to 1866, inclusive, 1869 and 1871.

South Carolina, all from date of institution.

New Hampshire, from 1845 to 1857, inclusive, also 1866, 1867 and 1870.

Georgia, all from date of institution.

Indiana, from 1853 to 1855, inclusive, November, 1856, May and November, 1857, November, 1858, May, 1859, May, 1860, May, 1864, May, 1867, November, 1868, May, 1869, and May, 1871.

Michigan, from February, 1847 to August, 1848, and 1870.

Tennessee, from 1847 to 1851, and 1858

Texas, from 1861 to 1866, inclusive.

Wisconsin, from 1849 to 1852, inclusive; 1856 to 1858, inclusive, and 1860 to 1865, inclusive.

Alabama, from 1848 to 1855, inclusive.

Rhode Island, from 1861 to 1871, inclusive.

Louisiana, all from date of institution.

Delaware, all from date of institution.

North Carolina, all from date of institution.

Mississippi, 1848, and from 1854 to 1871, inclusive.

JOURNALS OF GRAND BODIES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

The Journals of Proceedings of the several Grand Bodies have been received as follows:

Grand Lodges.

Alabama, February, 1871.

Arkansas, November, 1870.

California, May, 1871.

Colorado, October, 1870.

Connecticut, May, 1871.

Delaware, from April 13, 1870, to October, 1870, inclusive.

District of Columbia, from January, 1863, to August, 1871, inclusive.

Florida, 1871.

Georgia, one bound volume, from 1858 to 1870, inclusive.

Illinois, October, 1870.

Indiana, November, 1870.

Iowa, October, 1870.

Kansas, October, 1870.

Kentucky, October, 1870.

Louisiana, January and July, 1871.

Lower Provinces, British North America, August, 1870.

Maryland, April, 1871.

Massachusetts, February, 1870, August, 1870, February, 1871, and August, 1871.

Maine, August, 1871.

Michigan, January, 1871.

Minnesota, 1871.

Mississippi, July, 1870.

Missouri, May, 1871.

Nebraska, October, 1870.

New Jersey, November, 1870.

New York, August, 1870.

Nevada, June 1870, and 1871.

Ohio, May, 1871.

Ontario, August, 1870.

Oregon, two bound volumes, from May 23, 1856, to May 16, 1866, inclusive, (duplicates) and pamphlet of May, 1870, and 1871.

Pennsylvania, May and November, 1870, and also May, 1871.

Rhode Island, August, 1869, and August, 1870, 1871, and bound vol. 1864 to 1870.

South Carolina, January, 1871.

Texas, February, 1871.

Tennessee, October, 1870.

Vermont, August, 1870.

Virginia, April, 1871.

West Virginia, April, 1871.

Wisconsin, January, 1871.

Grand Encampments.

Alabama, February, 1871.
 California, May, 1871.
 Illinois, October, 1870.
 Indiana, May, 1871.
 Iowa, October, 1870.
 Kansas, October, 1870.
 Kentucky, October, 1870.
 Maine, August, 1870.
 Maryland, October, 1870.
 Massachusetts, August, 1870, and 1871.
 Michigan, January, 1871.
 Missouri, May, 1871.
 New Jersey, November, 1870.
 New York, August, 1870.
 Ohio, May, 1871.
 Ontario, August, 1869, and 1870.
 Pennsylvania, January, 1870, and May, 1871.
 Texas, February, 1871.
 Virginia, April, 1871.
 West Virginia, April, 1871.
 Wisconsin, January, 1871.

PERIODICALS RECEIVED DURING THE RECESS.

N. Y. Heart and Hand, first year bound, (weekly) regular; San Francisco New Age, 6 vols. bound, (weekly) regular; Chicago Western Odd-Fellow comes, but not regularly until lately, not bound, (weekly); Philadelphia Odd-Fellows' Journal, not very regularly, (monthly); N. Y. A. O. F., 10 vols. bound, (monthly) regular; Columbus, O., Companion, 5 vols. bound, (monthly) regular; Nashville, Tenn., Odd-Fellows' Amulet, (monthly) irregular—2 numbers; Odd-Fellows' Talisman, (monthly) very irregular; Providence, R. I., Three Links, occasional (3 numbers); The Grip, 1 number.

At the last Session I took occasion to suggest, in view of the great value of the periodical press of the Order, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to perfect the incomplete volumes of such publications as were on hand, and to obtain, as far as practicable, complete copies of all the periodicals which had been published in the interests of the Order, to be preserved in the Library of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The Committee on Finance, to whom the subject was referred, reported a resolution which was adopted, authorizing the Corresponding and Recording Secretary to procure, as far as possible, bound copies of the complete Journals of all the Grand Bodies under the Jurisdiction up to and inclusive of the year 1870. This report overlooked the particular recommendation of the Grand Secretary, touching the obtaining and preservation of the periodicals of the Order, and responded only to his recommendation on the subject of obtaining the Journals of the several Grand Bodies. This is presumed to have been unintentional on the part of the Committee. I therefore beg leave very respectfully to renew the suggestion that authority be conferred upon the Grand Secretary to procure as far as possible complete copies of all the periodicals which have been published in the interest of the Order, and that an appropriation be made to pay for the same.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE—REPORT ON.

The general correspondence of this office has been extremely voluminous especially with foreign Jurisdictions, and is of a highly important character. The special advices from the home Jurisdictions have been truly gratifying. I am authorized to reiterate the compliment so meritoriously extended to the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, in my last Annual Report, for their continued prompt and regular correspondence with the office, and I beg also to express my acknowledgments to the several District Deputy Grand Sires, for their assiduous attention and interesting reports. From the information received, the following synopsis is presented of the general condition of the Order:

Lower Provinces, British North America.—The Annual Report from this Grand Lodge was received at an early date. The very worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. A. M. FRAZIER, writes under date of the 21st of July, 1871, as follows:

"Our Grand Lodge met in Pictou on the 18th and 19th insts. The reports from the Subordinates were highly satisfactory. I am glad to be able to report such good progress in our small Jurisdiction. R. R. BARNES, of St. John's, N. B., Past Grand of Pioneer, No. 9, was elected Grand Master, he being a thoroughly posted Odd-Fellow, and taking an interest in the work; we are likely to have a great addition to our Lodges. Our Grand Lodge being in debt the past few years, retarded greatly our work, but now having a good prospect before us, the future seems bright."

Bro. JOHN MATHESON, the R. W. Grand Rep., also informed me under date of July 21, 1871, "that eight Lodges were at work in the Jurisdiction and an additional one about to be instituted in Frederickton, N. B., that the progress of the Order is steady and healthful, and more likely to be permanent in this course, than by a great tidal wave which would doubtless recede again." Bro. CHAS. W. IVES, the efficient D. D. Grand Sire, makes a highly favorable report upon the Encampment branch, as follows:

"I am pleased to be able to inform you that although the membership of Stuart Encampment is small and increases slowly, the attendance is good and it is in a healthy and flourishing state. Its financial condition is also good. I have every reason to believe that the Encampment will steadily increase, and hope by the end of next term you may have a good report from us."

Maine.—The Annual Reports from Maine are in good season; that of the Grand Lodge, transmitted by Bro. O. B. WHITTEN, the able Grand Secretary, on the 10th of August. On the same day he communicates the following very encouraging and gratifying intelligence:

"Enclosed you will please find the return of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and I am pleased to be able to report that there has been an unusual degree of interest manifested throughout this entire Jurisdiction, and a large *increase* to the Order.

"Odd-Fellowship was never in a more healthy and prosperous condition in this State than at the present. Every Lodge has reported, and they all show that they have done some work. Two new Lodges have been instituted. There are but twenty-two Lodges in this Jurisdiction; yet you can but notice that there has been considerable work done and a great deal of good accomplished.

The Report shows the total amount of relief.....	\$7,558.48
Amount of annual receipts.....	19,511.38
Invested funds.....	62,301.40

"The session of the Grand Lodge, held at Bangor, August 9th, was very interesting and largely attended—nearly every Lodge in the State being represented."

The Encampment branch is equally prosperous, as will appear from the annexed extract from an interesting letter received from the worthy Grand Scribe, Bro. N. G. CUMMINGS:

"Enclosed please find the Annual Returns of the Grand Encampment of Maine. The attendance at the last Session was larger than at any time since the organization of the Grand Encampment. The best of feeling prevails, and I have no hesitation in saying that the Encampment branch of the Order never stood better in Maine than at the present time."

Vermont.—When we remember that but a few years ago the fires of Odd-Fellowship had so waned in Vermont, that fears were generally entertained that the Order would die out, and thus leave one star absent from our moral galaxy and when in the contrast we now behold in the glowing report from that State; how thorough has been the revival and recuperation of the Order, we have reason to be especially grateful to the zealous and energetic agencies that have rescued Odd-Fellowship from its perilous condition in the State, and placed its fortunes once more upon solid ground. The suc-

cinct and unvarnished statement of Brother N. W. CURRIER, the esteemed Grand Secretary, tells the tale. He writes under date of August 7, as follows:

"We report thirteen Lodges the 1st of July: there are fourteen now, and will be another before our Grand Lodge meets. The Order was never in so good a condition in Vermont as it is at present, although there was a time when there were more Lodges. And we all can but feel grateful to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and those worthy brothers whom it sent to nourish and build us up to what we are at present. Especially do we remember 'Father' DENNIS, who worked so faithfully in Vermont, and would not be disheartened. It must be a source of great satisfaction to him now to look upon the result of his labors. I also send to you the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Vermont as far as I can. There will be an effort made to have our Proceedings printed inclusive at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge."

The formation of a Grand Encampment in the State, during the past year, indicates the fact that the recuperation from the greatly enfeebled condition into which Odd-Fellowship had fallen a few years ago has been solid and reliable. The Grand Encampment was instituted on the 22d of June, 1871, by the M. W. Grand Sire in person, and is present at this Session in the person of a Grand Representative. I have received an official copy of resolutions, unanimously adopted by the Grand Encampment of Vermont, expressive of the high sense of appreciation of that body for the personal attendance of the Grand Sire, for the purpose of instituting the same, which are herewith presented. By the formation of the Grand Body, the office of D. D. Grand Sire for that Jurisdiction was necessarily superseded and the incumbent, Bro. SEWELL MORSE, transmitted the final reports of the Subordinates, and closed his official duties as D. D. Grand Sire, to assume those of Grand Patriarch. To this worthy and highly efficient Brother, the Grand Lodge owes a lasting obligation for his arduous and faithful services for the last five years, and for the persevering industry with which he struggled to preserve the Order in its darkest days of adversity. The Jurisdiction now presents a more prosperous condition, and promises to advance rapidly. Brother MORSE writes under date of August 14th, as follows:

"One week from to-night I am to institute an Encampment at Middlebury, so you see we are still *going on*."

Herewith I present Proceedings of Grand Encampment complimentary to the Grand Sire.

New Hampshire.—The respected and worthy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and Grand Scribe, JOEL TAYLOR, writes as follows, touching the Order in that Jurisdiction; from which it is cheering to know that Odd-Fellowship moves forward nobly in that State:

"In presenting this my eighth Annual Report, it gives me great pleasure to say, that the Institution of Odd-Fellowship stands far better than ever before in the 'Old Granite State,' and the work of friendship and charity goes bravely forward in both branches of our beloved Order. During the past year, we have increased two Lodges and four Encampments, and have a good prospect for more. While we have an increase in membership, we have a larger increase in benefits conferred, both socially and financially. We have thirty-one Lodges and eighteen Encampments."

Massachusetts.—This solid and ever-advancing Jurisdiction presents, on this occasion, its accustomed splendid array. The words of the distinguished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. CHARLES D. COLE, so happily and forcefully describe the condition of the Order in Massachusetts, that I take pleasure in presenting them. Under date of August 21st, Bro. COLE writes as follows:

"It is with great pleasure that I report to you the continued prosperity of Odd-Fellowship in Massachusetts. The membership is now larger than at any previous time, with very flattering prospects for the future. There is an increasing interest manifested by nearly every member of the Order, in its future progress and prosperity; new Lodges are being instituted, and old ones are being revived; the growth is healthy, and the Lodges appear determined to allow none but good and true men to come within our fold.

"On the thirteenth day of June last, the Officers of the Grand Lodge laid

the corner-stone of a new building to be owned by the Order, and to be used by the Lodges and Encampments meeting in Boston. When finished, it will be one of the most magnificent and elegant buildings in New England.

"The Patriarchal branch is increasing very rapidly, and at the present time our membership is more than twice as large as at any previous period—the only trouble I apprehend is that it will grow too fast. The Grand Encampment, at the last Session, granted several applications for Charters, and also refused a number."

Connecticut.—Our Order in this Jurisdiction has had a steady increase for several years past, and during the year just closed has been blest with more than its ordinary progressive prosperity. The cheering and encouraging picture is drawn with so much aptness of language, and fidelity to the record, that I beg to present it in the words of the most excellent and very able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. F. BORSFORD, P. G. Representative. Under date of August 5th, he writes as follows :

"I think my first Report to you after entering upon the duties of Grand Scribe, gave the number of Encampments, *nine*, and total membership a fraction over five hundred; my present, sixteen Encampments, and ten hundred and sixty-five members. I am very proud of this exhibit of two years' growth, and I trust the end is not yet, although I can not expect we shall double again in two years.

"Our Subordinate Lodges are all doing well ; in this city, especially, they are growing rapidly, and some are even now *too* large.

"We try to draw them down by instituting new ones, but it does not seem to have that effect ; while the new ones do well, and the old ones seem to do still better. We have six Lodges here already, and the time is not far distant, in my opinion, when we must advise some of the young active members to start another. The same spirit prevails throughout the State, and I believe ere the time arrives for another Annual Report, many of the defunct Lodges will have resumed work. Several are now agitating the subject of re-organization, and had I the pecuniary means to devote to this work, I should try to make every attempt of this kind a success ; however, I shall employ my 'one talent,' and leave the result in the hands of Providence."

Rhode Island.—The Annual Reports from the Jurisdiction were received August 7th and 21st, 1871, and from them the highest degree of prosperity, it appears, prevails. The very efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, Bro. JOHN F. DRISCOL, supplies the following gratifying information :

"Accompanying this you will please find the Reports of our Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge, also the Certificate of the Grand Representative elect.

"The Patriarchal branch of our Order has nearly doubled during the past year, and had it not been for the ill-timed proclamation of the M. W. Grand Sire, we should to-day have had two Representatives from the Grand Encampment—but we submit to the powers that be.

"Our Lodges are in a very flourishing condition ; two new Lodges have been formed, and two more petitions are now nearly ready, and two for Encampments.

"In closing, would say that it is pleasant to be able to state that while other human fabrics, erected upon foundations seemingly as stable as ours, have yielded to the decrees of fate and crumbled into dust, the Order, true to its principles, still survives to realize a yet more bright and perfect day."

New Jersey.—The Report of the Grand Lodge, received at a very early date from the worthy Grand Secretary, L. PARKER, JR., shows that in that fine Jurisdiction Odd-Fellowship continues its onward march with solid tread. The Encampment branch is equally prosperous. Under date of August 22d, the Grand Secretary writes as follows :

"The records of last year show a steady increase in membership and a healthy financial condition. We feel grateful for the prosperity we have enjoyed ; for the relief we have been enabled to bring into the homes of mourning, and the comforts we have been permitted to bestow upon the bed of suffering. We have every reason to rejoice for what we have done, and the prospect is encouraging for still greater usefulness in the future. The

true fraternal feeling prevalls among us, and our intercourse is entirely harmonious."

The very able and highly valued Grand Scribe, JOHN C. RAUM, presents the following glowing picture of the Patriarchal branch in New Jersey :

"Enclosed please find the Annual Report of the Grand Encampment of this State, for the year 1871, also Certificate of our Grand Representative.

"The work of the Patriarchal branch of our Order in this State during the year just ended has been prosperous; and although it does not come up to that of last year, yet it is in a highly healthy condition.

"The members are alive to the true principles of Odd-Fellowship, and endeavor to carry them out in their fullest extent and to show to the world that they do not exist in name merely, but in their every day practice. The statistics will show that more than one-third of the entire income during the year has been devoted to the charitable objects of the Order.

"The actions of the members truly show that they realize, in its fullest extent as brothers, their duty in all their intercourse, to illustrate the truthfulness of their profession, by reciprocal relief and the performance of kindly offices to one another in the day of trial. If a brother is overtaken by misfortune, and crushed with troubles, which are the common lot of all, they do not seek to crush him, but as brothers, with words of sympathy and acts of kindness, they endeavor to cheer him up, and encourage him in his day of trial, and the sympathies of brethren when a man is in distress will go a great way to sustain him battling against misfortune.

"The Patriarchal branch is increasing in numbers, new Encampments are being instituted, and those which had ceased work are again asking to be admitted into the fold.

"Wherever a Subordinate Lodge has an existence, they desire to have the Encampment Order also. In some localities they are almost too weak to sustain it, while in others it is prosperous."

Pennsylvania.—The Annual Reports of the two Grand Bodies of this splendid Jurisdiction in our Order were both received from Bro. JAMES B. NICHOLSON, P. G. S., the distinguished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, as early as the 27th July last, and present an exhibit which awakens as well our honest pride as our heartfelt pleasure. Bro. NICHOLSON has made so thorough and succinct an analysis of the reports in his accompanying letter, that I beg to present the picture from his own eloquent and vivid pencil. He writes as follows :

"The Annual Reports of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania are herewith forwarded. The reports indicate a natural and healthy progress. No extraordinary or spasmodic efforts have been made, but the onward and steady motion of the fraternity has produced results that stand unparalleled even in the wonderful history of the Order in America. Eighty thousand one hundred and fifty-three names are inscribed upon our rolls as members in good standing. Six hundred and sixty-four Lodges are engaged in carrying out the benign work of the Order. Their disbursement for the relief of the sick and distressed amounted to two hundred and seventy-six thousand, five hundred dollars and sixty-three cents. If to this be added the amount of relief afforded by the Encampment, it swells the grand total for relief to three hundred and seventeen thousand, eight hundred and fifty-one dollars and sixty-three cents. The reserve fund of the Lodges in the Jurisdiction amounts to one million, six hundred and eighty-one thousand, eight hundred and fifty-one dollars and seventy-six cents.

"With such gigantic instrumentalities for good, let us fervently hope that they may be increased an hundred fold, and not suffered to become dwarfed by inertness or the want of expansive exercise; but that each successive year may open up to the Brotherhood new paths of duty, and nobler labors of love, and that there may be given to them a spirit that will know no chill, and that will finally overcome all evil influences and lead them upward to the crowning summit of Humanity."

Delaware.—Bro. EDWARD MCINTIRE, the experienced and very able Grand Secretary of this solid Jurisdiction tells the story of Delaware's progress during the past year forcibly, which I submit in his own words :

"In transmitting the Annual Report of this Jurisdiction, permit me to

say that it is gratifying to be able to report the Order in a very good condition, notwithstanding that we have decreased in membership considerably since our last report. The Lodges generally have concluded to return the number of working members only, which accounts for the unusual number of suspensions for non-payment of dues. Financially, the Order is in a much better condition than at any previous report."

Maryland.—The Annual Reports from Maryland are received in due season. In this Jurisdiction the Order has been called upon during the past year to lose its very able Grand Secretary, Bro. JOSEPH B. ESCAVILLE, R. W. Grand Rep. The death of this distinguished brother has created a void in the State which it will be difficult to fill. He was an experienced and highly gifted officer and earnest and zealous Odd-Fellow, and an accomplished gentleman. For many years a Representative in this body, and in this capacity was identified with much of its active legislation; he had in fact acquired a national reputation in the Order.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. JOHN HAHN, JR., accompanying this Report, remarks as follows:

"Herewith I have the honor of transmitting the fifty-first Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, showing the operations of the Order in this Jurisdiction during the year ending with June 30th, 1871. By an examination of the Report it will be found that though there has been no increase in the number of members, new Lodges have been added to the fold, and the brothers throughout the Jurisdiction have evidenced by their works that their zeal in the Order has not diminished, but on the contrary their steady labor in the great cause of ameliorating the condition of suffering humanity is manifested by the expenditure of more than ninety thousand dollars in the care of the sick, the relieving of the destitute and the widow, and in educating and clothing the orphan."

The Encampment branch presents also a very gratifying picture of prosperity, as appears from the subjoined letter from the able Grand Scribe, Bro. JOHN M. JONES:

"I have the honor to report the Patriarchal branch of the Order in this Jurisdiction to be in a healthy condition, numbering now twenty-three Encampments, showing an increase within the past four years of ten Encampments, all of which are engaged in the good work of benevolence and charity, and the furtherance of the great principles of our Institution."

District of Columbia.—This Jurisdiction maintains itself with remarkable tenacity and solidity, considering the transient character in a great degree of its population, and the fact that many Odd-Fellows in the public service doubtless retain their connection with Lodges at their homes. The subjoined communication from the estimable and highly efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. P. HALL SWEET, supplies full information as to the progress of the year, and of the present condition of the Jurisdiction; under date of August 2d, he writes as follows:

"I have the honor to send herewith the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, for the year ending June 30, 1871. You will notice a slight falling off in membership, yet it is a source of great pleasure to say that the Order in this jurisdiction is active and prosperous, and we enter upon the labors of a new year under favorable auspices, trusting that our usefulness in the future may be greater than in the past, thus showing to the world the great and benevolent principles on which Odd-Fellowship is founded."

The Report of the Grand Encampment shows a slightly reduced membership, but is nevertheless encouraging and gratifying.

Ohio.—The distinguished Brother, W. C. EARL, who has so long and so ably filled the responsible office of Grand Secretary of this large and important Jurisdiction, has made his Annual Report with his accustomed promptitude and accuracy. Bro. W. C. EARL accompanies his Report with the following very gratifying remarks:

"I have the pleasure of herewith transmitting to you the Annual Report of this Jurisdiction, my twelfth Report.

"I need not comment upon the exhibit made in our Report; it tells its own story more plainly and forcibly than language of mine can do. A Juris-

diction with a constituency of 421 Lodges and 36,000 members possesses the means for vast good, and these means, I trust, are not neglected or abused by the Brotherhood of Ohio. Perhaps the best evidence that the power possessed is properly applied will be found in the fact that over *eighty-seven thousand dollars* have been disbursed during the year for relief in the various forms. But for the highest good of our Order I do not look at the pecuniary relief alone. That is important and valuable, but its highest usefulness is found in the quiet ministry of our love—in its kindly offices at the bedside of the sick and afflicted—in its tender and thoughtful care of the widows and orphans who are constantly being left to its guardianship. How beautifully do all these tell—how silently, like the rays of light falling upon the plate of the artist, do they tell upon the hearts of the weary, the needy and oppressed.

"At our last Session Charters were granted for thirty-seven (37) new Lodges, and three defunct Lodges were restored to activity. These will swell the number of our Lodges to 461. So you see that the Order is not wavering in our State, but steadily moving upon the breastworks of the enemy.

"Let me briefly suggest for your consideration the question: 'What good does it do to require the names of expelled members to be reported to the Grand Lodge of the United States and published in the Journal?' Is it not a useless consumption of time and a needless expense?"

I beg to reiterate my decided approval of the suggestion which Bro. EARL makes touching the publication of the names of expelled members, and trust that the Grand Lodge will carry it into effect by appropriate legislation.

Bro. J. DOWDALL, P. G. Rep., the worthy Grand Scribe, sends his Report in due time, accompanied with the following cheering words:

"This Jurisdiction is highly prosperous. The Patriarchal interest in our Order is earnest in the advancement of the great principles of Odd-Fellowship, and Ohio is second to no other Jurisdiction in the good work."

Wisconsin.—The Reports of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin have been received; the highly energetic, thorough and accomplished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. L. B. HILLS, in transmitting them, remarks as follows:

"In addition to what may appear in these returns, I desire to add: That however prosperous the Order has been in this Jurisdiction for some years past, it never has been more so than at the present time, notwithstanding a less number of Lodges have been instituted during the year just closed. There seems to be a manifest determination to weed out all unworthy members, and make the Institution one that confers an *honor*, as well as a great favor upon those who are admitted within its portals to share its privileges."

Indiana.—The Annual Reports from this Grand Jurisdiction were received as early as the 7th of August from the distinguished Bro. E. H. BARRY, P. G. R., who has so long and so ably occupied the high positions of Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe in the State. Comparatively easy would be the labors of the Corresponding Secretary in compiling his statistical report if such regularity and punctuality were general. Bro. BARRY accompanies his returns with the following forcible and apposite words, which glowingly and truthfully portray Odd-Fellowship as it is administered and appreciated in Indiana by her earnest and true votaries. He writes thus:

"The Reports of our Grand Bodies show that there is no abatement of the prosperity with which this Jurisdiction has so long been favored. I will not recapitulate the increase of our Subordinates, the augmentation of our membership, the amounts expended for our beneficent purposes as the evidences of our success; these are the fruits of our faith. It is the inculcation of our principles upon the minds of our members, and the exemplification of them in their lives that commend our Order to the wise and good, and secure their confidence and coöperation with us in our labors of love. We have demonstrated that the Order of Odd-Fellowship is precisely the institution which the world needs, and which is demanded by all the wants of man. That it strengthens public morality, promotes peace and good will between man and man, and seeks to apply always and everywhere the Christian idea of union

and love as they are revealed in the command '*Bear ye one another's burden.*' To this do we owe our prosperity."

Illinois.—I have, on the 21st day of August, the Annual Reports of the Grand Bodies of Illinois, dispatched with the accustomed promptness of the very able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. Comment on my part touching the condition of our Order in this great Jurisdiction would be wholly superfluous. Grand Secretary Nason describes it in such clear and glowing words, that I subjoin his entire letter as follows:

"Our returns show the same steady, healthful growth that has marked the progress of the Order in Illinois for some years past. The gain in Lodges, membership and revenue is not quite equal to that of 1870, but is fully as large as we had reason to expect. Twenty-six new Lodges have been instituted during the year, and six old ones revived, while but one has become extinct, and that by consolidation with another Lodge in the same town. The amount expended for relief may seem, in comparison with some other Jurisdictions, small in proportion to our revenue; but this, I am satisfied, except in perhaps a very few instances, is to be attributed to the general good health and easy worldly condition of our membership, rather than to a practical disregard of duty to the sick, the distressed, and the bereaved.

"In the Patriarchal branch we have gained fourteen in the number of Encampments (more than in any previous year), and the increase in membership is nearly double that of the twelve months immediately preceding, though not so large as in some former years. Several more Encampments would probably have been instituted, had not movements for their formation been discouraged, for the reason that there was doubt whether they would prove vigorous and permanent.

"Of Rebekah Lodges, twenty-five have been organized during the year, making the whole number to June 30th, 1871, forty-eight.

"It has occurred to me that a change in our statistical year, making it end with December instead of June, would be advantageous. In small Jurisdictions it may not be a very difficult task to perform the labor necessary to bring reports into proper shape in the time allotted; but every one who has filled the position of Grand Secretary in any of the larger Jurisdictions will, I think, agree with me that it is absolutely impossible from the first of July to the middle of August to adjust all errors in the reports of Subordinates, and from those reports make up tables showing with even tolerable accuracy the condition of the Order on the 30th of June, and its operations during the twelve months preceding. In some States, to meet this difficulty, the official and working terms have been changed to end with March and September; but it seems to me desirable that the year should begin and end at the same time throughout the general Jurisdiction. Now that the Order is spreading into foreign lands, and will soon encircle the globe, its system of administration should be accommodated, as far as practicable, to the enlarged field of its operations. The change suggested would make it possible to obtain from all parts of the earth statistics covering the same period of time, and much more nearly accurate than those we now have, in season to be presented to the General Grand Lodge at its first Annual Session after the date to which they purport to be made up."

Iowa.—Odd-Fellowship in Iowa is in the hands of thoroughly energetic brethren, and is in fine condition, as will appear from the subjoined letter received from the very able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. WM. GARRETT:

"Enclosed please find Reports. I have delayed sending, in hopes to receive all returns, but am disappointed—have to send Grand Lodge report without reports from eleven Lodges, and only one report from thirteen others. I am sorry for this, for I am satisfied if the returns were all in we would report ten thousand members in good standing; but, as it is, we make a good show; an increase of 894 members during the year, and but 52 deaths with 9,500 members. We gain 28 Lodges during the year, a small gain in receipts, and also in amount paid benefits, reliefs, etc. I am satisfied we will gain steadily each year.

"In the Encampment branch you will observe we gain one Camp, having

instituted two, and the Charter of one returned. We only gain 116 in number, but I have no reports from two Camps for the year, and no report from four others for the last term; if all were in, we would number over 1800. I hope next year to report 2,000. We have 34 Lodges Daughters of Rebekah, and I can report Odd-Fellowship in Iowa as highly prosperous."

Kentucky.—From Kentucky come the cheering words that Odd-Fellowship continues its onward path, ever prospering and adding strength and power to its good name and influence. Bro. WM. WHITE, the able and experienced Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, describes the situation in far better language than I could employ, and I give his entire letter. He remarks as follows:

"Esteemed friend and brother, I herewith submit my Annual Reports for the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this Jurisdiction, which show the condition and prosperity of both branches of the Order to be most cheering and gratifying. Exhibiting a steady and healthful growth in membership, and general increase in its resources and work, and a growing energy, interest, and zeal in its friends and votaries.

"Eleven new Lodges have been organized since my last Report, and two now just upon the eve of being organized, Dispensations having been issued for this purpose. Six interesting Rebekah Degree Lodges have been added to the number previously reported, making thirteen Lodges of this Degree now in active operation. The net gain in members for the Subordinate Lodges is six hundred and fifty-five, and the increase of admissions over those of the previous year two hundred and thirty-four; seven hundred and twenty-eight brothers have received relief and benefits, two hundred and forty-eight widowed families have been assisted, and sixty-three brothers buried.

Appropriated for relief and benefits to brothers.....	\$14,468 67
Aid extended to widowed families.....	5,064 25
For education.....	586 43
For burying the dead.....	3,824 83

Total expended for benevolence and charity.....\$23,944 18

"The Encampment Report shows a similar exhibit. Four new Encampments have been established, and a net gain appears in membership of five hundred and fifteen, and an increase of admissions over those of the previous year of four hundred and eight; one hundred and fifty-two Patriarchs have received relief and benefits, and fourteen widowed families assisted; seventeen Patriarchs buried.

Appropriated for relief and benefits of Patriarchs.....	\$2,698 39
Aid extended widowed families.....	145 00
For burying the dead.....	522 00

Total for benevolence and charity.....\$3,365 39

"But the best of all is the cheering prospect of consummating and completing the subscriptions for the establishment and endowment of our great and noble enterprise—the 'Widows' Home and Orphans' University.' All praise to the untiring energy and earnest labors of Bro. S. X. HALL, the worthy and efficient agent."

Missouri.—This great Jurisdiction in our union maintains its steady advance, and keeps pace in onward progress, with the evident march of improvement and development, which marks the general prosperity of the State. Bro. E. M. SLOAN, the much valued Grand Secretary, advises me, under date of August 5th, as follows:

"An examination of our Report will discover the fact that in some particulars we are not so prosperous as in former years; though, to fully appreciate its causes, we must understand that money has been extremely scarce in the West during the last year, the productions of the agriculturist having been at a lower price than for years. Our prospects for the future again brighten. We are determined not to lower our standard, but to press forward, and by industry and the exercise of sound discretion to maintain

the position so often assigned us by our generous Eastern brothers, of being among the foremost Western jurisdictions.

"Never was there so determined a purpose to guard well our door of entrance as now in our State, and an unyielding purpose to require a high standard of moral, industrious character of those admitted, that we may contribute our share in the continued exaltation of the name and fame of American Odd-Fellowship, and as our State must continue to increase rapidly in population, we must of necessity grow as an Order, and annually have the pleasure of recounting our achievements."

Bro. R. E. M. NEELY, the Worthy Grand Scribe, adds, "that he is happy to inform me that the Encampment branch of our beloved Order is in a more flourishing condition than ever before."

West Virginia.—Considering the comparative youth of this Jurisdiction, the vigorous exhibit which it makes in both branches of the Order is highly gratifying. Bro. THOMAS G. STEELE, the venerable and Worthy Grand Secretary, remarks, in transmitting his sixth Annual Report, that the brethren of the States

"Are much encouraged by our increase in number of Lodges and membership. We have three thousand six hundred and seventy-nine (3,679) earnest workers in the cause of our Order. As we can only pass once through this world, we are trying earnestly to do all the good we can by precept and example, to enable those coming after to carry out the work begun by us, so that posterity may bless the men who inaugurated and sustained Odd-Fellowship, and left them in possession of such a glorious and benevolent heritage."

To this gratifying exhibit the Worthy Grand Scribe, Bro. H. A. ULTMAN, adds the following:

"You will observe that we have made a small increase in numbers since our last report, although but few Encampments have made their Semi-Annual Returns. I have the pleasure to inform you that there is an increasing interest felt in this branch of the Order. Should times improve, we look for a busy season in the Camps the next year, when we hope that the Patriarchal banner will be planted on every hill and in every valley in our State, and that weary pilgrims will seek and find rest beneath the covering of our tents."

North Carolina.—The information from North Carolina, derived as well through private source as official returns, indicates a most decided improvement in the condition of the Order, and justifies the highest expectations in the future. At no period since the introduction of the Order in the State has a larger zeal or more earnest interest in the cause been manifested. The Annual Report of the Grand Lodge shows that the Order is prosperous. Nearly nine hundred contributing members are reported, being an increase during the past year of nearly two hundred. Nine of the old Lodges are yet dormant; but little doubt, however, of their resuscitation during the ensuing year exists. The M. W. Grand Sire was present during the Session, by special invitation, and took pleasure in instructing the brethren in the work.

The Encampment branch has had a year of prosperity under the very zealous supervision of Bro. W. L. SMITH, D. D. G. Sire. This attentive officer has transmitted the Reports of the Subordinates with great promptitude, and has manifested the deepest interest in their welfare. He reports an improvement in both branches of the Order. Talulah Encampment, at Elizabeth City, which had ceased to work, has been recently reorganized, and is in active service. It is understood that application will be made at this Session for restoration of the Charter of the Grand Encampment. One of the best indications of returning prosperity will be found in the financial condition of the Lodges and Encampments. The subjoined extract from a very interesting letter of the Grand Treasurer, Bro. RICHARD J. JONES, bears witness of this fact:

"The plea of 'poverty' is beginning to be less heard in our midst, and our Jurisdiction is showing signs of recuperation, which I truly hope will continue until we occupy the same position in the Grand Lodge of the United States that we did in former days."

South Carolina.—This Jurisdiction occupies justly a commanding position in the history of Odd-Fellowship. From South Carolina two Grand Sires have been chosen, each of whom adorned the administration of their high office with eminent ability. It is highly gratifying, in view of this meritorious historic reminiscence, to know that, notwithstanding the severe ordeal through which the State has passed, our Order maintains itself with a firmness and determination which commands admiration. The Annual Reports have been received. Bro. J. H. HONOUR, JR., the accomplished R. W. Grand Secretary, accompanies his Report with the following remarks :

"You will perceive that notwithstanding the number of suspensions, expulsions, and deaths, we have a gain of one hundred and five during the past year. Two of the dormant Lodges have been revived through the exertions of our M. W. Grand Master, JOHN A. ELKIN, and he confidently expects to resuscitate others. He has worked energetically since his installation, and deserves the thanks of all in the Jurisdiction. Under all circumstances I think we have no need to be discouraged."

Bro. W. F. DUNLAP, the Worthy Scribe, speaks encouragingly of the Patriarchal branch, expressing the opinion that from the present indications the condition will be much improved during the coming year.

Georgia.—The following highly gratifying letter, accompanying the Annual Reports of the Grand Bodies of Georgia, received from Bro. JOHN G. DIETZ, the Worthy Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, describes the situation very satisfactorily :

"I am gratified to state that the Order in Georgia is doing wonders. The increase of membership is considerable, in view of the fact that money matters have been very tight. Seven new Lodges have been formed and two old ones revived up to our last Session, and the prospect is promising for many more the present year. The receipts of the Grand Lodge, at the Session just closed, was larger than for twenty-one years, and the Session was the most harmonious and more largely attended than for many years. We find the migratory system for the Grand Lodge to be of immense good to the Order at large, as the brethren take a greater interest, and it brings the fraternity before the people.

"The Encampment branch of the Order increases slowly, but we are in hopes that a greater interest will be taken in it than heretofore. The brethren are too poor to equip themselves with the necessary paraphernalia for working Encampments. There was one new Encampment instituted just before the Session of the Grand Encampment. Taking it altogether, we have a great deal to hope for the next year, and with the smiles of a kind Providence we trust to make a much larger report another year."

Mississippi.—I have received the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge from the able Grand Secretary, Bro. R. B. MAYES, P. G. Rep., which indicates material growth. The death of his predecessor, JOHN B. DICKS, who for so many years discharged the duties of Grand Secretary with signal ability, is a great loss to the Order at large : Bro. Dicks had acquired by his long service, great ability, and untiring devotion to Odd-Fellowship a national reputation, and his death will be generally mourned. Bro. MAYES, under date of September 6th, writes as follows :

"The recent Session of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment was of a most agreeable character. Nothing was left undone by the brethren and citizens of 'Water Valley' which could contribute to our enjoyment. The attendance was larger than usual ; and the deep interest and active exertions of all manifested a revival of the spirit of Odd-Fellowship throughout the State, which is truly gratifying. The younger Lodges, especially, show a vigor calculated to cheer the drooping spirits of us who have seen Odd-Fellowship in its better days, and watched fearfully beside its couch in its recent invalid condition. The patient is decidedly convalescent, and promises to enjoy, within a few years, very robust health.

"There has not only been an encouraging increase in membership since the last report, but the ratio of increase has been enlarged. The onerous official correspondence, to which I have alluded, though requiring so much labor, is truly gratifying as an indication of life and energy within the

Order. Another proof of returning health and vigor will be found in the fact that the representative tax, which I send herewith, was raised by a voluntary advance of the Subordinate Lodges upon their accruing dues, and that these contributions to the Grand Lodge Treasury have been so liberal that I will be able soon to place in your hands the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, which would otherwise have been delayed for several months.

"One incident which occurred during the recent Session of our Grand Lodge, indicates that the zeal for Odd-Fellowship of which I have spoken is not a mere enthusiasm for its forms, but an active working of its benevolent principles. It became known that the pecuniary circumstances of one brother were in a deplorable state, and that the distress of poverty was augmented by loss of health and the strength of body necessary to enable him to earn a comfortable support. Just after the adjournment, a letter, addressed to his wife, and placed in his hands, and on opening it, she found it to contain \$95.00, and the following words :

" 'WATER VALLEY, July 20, 1871.

" 'Mrs. ——— :

" 'Please accept the enclosed amount of money, not as a charity, but as a feeble testimonial of our fraternal regard for yourself and family, and our love for your noble husband and our beloved brother.

" 'Fraternally your Brother

" 'ODD-FELLOWS.'

"This timely aid, so delicately bestowed, was a confirmation of her faith that her zeal for Odd-Fellowship was well founded. To those who reside in wealthy States the sum will appear insignificant; but here, where poverty is the rule, and even competency the exception, the donation must be regarded as truly liberal, and it has at least the merit which attaches to the widows' mites : the contributors did not cast in of their abundance, but, like the widow, of their want."

Bro. GEO. K. BIRCHETT, late Grand Master and Grand Rep. elect, has been kind enough to furnish the following gratifying intelligence :

"The Annual Session of this Grand Lodge was held at Water Valley on the 18th of July, 1871, and the deliberations thereof were of such a nature as to greatly conduce to the good of our Order within this Jurisdiction. The Report will show the organization of five Lodges, and resuscitation of one, within the last year. The deep interest manifested by our brethren bespeaks the future prosperity of Odd-Fellowship in Mississippi. We recently had a visit from our M. W. Grand Sire, FRED. D. STUART, and while his visit was confined to only a portion of this Jurisdiction, yet it was conducive of great good, and excited deep interest. I cordially approve, and so expressed myself in my report, of the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, in making appropriations with a view of personal visitations of the Grand Sire to the different State Jurisdictions."

Louisiana.—I am indebted to the very efficient and attentive Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Louisiana, JOSIAH FOLGER, for the Annual Reports of these Grand Bodies at a very early period. The condition of the Order in both branches appears to be highly satisfactory. Under date of August 1st, Bro. FOLGER writes as follows :

"Although the Order in this Jurisdiction by the Reports does not show an increase of membership, yet the prospects brighten. Since my last Annual Report one of our city Lodges has surrendered its Charter, but the Grand Lodge at its July Session chartered two new ones ; one to be located in this city, the other in the country. Our aim is to build up our country Lodges—the late war destroyed most of them. Some of them held stock in our Hall, and now suffer as well as our city Lodges ; but as our government has at last appointed a Committee on Southern Claims, the day we hope is not far distant when our Hall will be out of debt and pay a dividend to stockholders.

"The Grand Sire's visit to our city was pleasing to the members ; his exemplification of the Work was clear and lucid, and afforded great satisfaction : we parted with him with sincere regret.

"The Encampment branch of our Order in this Jurisdiction shows but little increase in membership, yet our Camps are well attended, and the Tent of our High Priest is always open to relieve the weary traveler during his sojourn through life. The prospects now brighten—the stormy cloud that swept our horizon has passed away."

KANSAS.—Bro. SAMUEL F. BURDETT, the very prompt and able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this State, in transmitting his Annual Reports, writes, under date of August 5th, the following gratifying letter, from which it will be seen that Odd-Fellowship in Kansas enjoys as high a degree of prosperity, in view of its numerical strength, as in any other Jurisdiction in the Order:

"I send you herewith the Reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this Jurisdiction. It is with more than ordinary pleasure I represent continued prosperity in both branches. You will see, by comparing this with my last Report, that we have increased in as large a ratio as in former years, and, what is more, the whole body is in sound health: we are not increasing in numbers at the expense of vitality. You will more readily see our present 'status' by an inspection of the following tabular statement:

	1870.	1871.	Increase.
Number of Lodges.....	54	70	16
" initiations.....	515	715	200
" admitted by card.....	186	533	247
" reinstated.....	17	31	14
" members.....	2673	3316	643
Annual receipts.....	\$22,086.39	\$29,367.74	\$7,281.25

ENCAMPMENT BRANCH.

	1870.	1871.	Increase.
Number of Encampments.....	13	17	4
" initiations.....	137	187	50
" admitted by card.....	17	43	26
" members.....	415	576	161
Annual receipts.....	\$2,425.50	\$3,555.15	\$1,129.65

Colorado.—The Annual Report from Colorado has been received in good season, transmitted by the efficient and attentive Grand Secretary, J. W. RATLIFF. The state of the Order in the Jurisdiction in both branches is highly gratifying. Bro. RATLIFF, under date of August 1st, writes a very interesting letter in relation to the progress of the Order in Colorado, from which I make the following extract:

"It is with pleasure I transmit to you the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of Colorado for the year ending June 30th, 1871. From the Report you will see that the past year has been one of unusual prosperity to our Order in Colorado and Wyoming. It is with feelings of pleasure and satisfaction that I look back and view the marked progress of our Order in Colorado and Wyoming. How fully has our promise, made in our memorial for a Grand Lodge, (that we would make it a success) been verified.

"Our progress since the institution of our Grand Lodge, November 30th, 1867, may be summed up about as follows:

"*June 30th, 1868.* Net increase of Lodges, twenty-five per cent.; of membership, one and five-ninths.

"*June 30th, 1869.* Increase of Lodges, one hundred and twenty per cent.; of membership, seventy-two; annual receipts, ninety three and one-half.

"*June 30th, 1870.* Increase of Lodges, eighteen and one-fifth per cent.; membership, eleven and three-fourths; annual receipts, about four and one-half.

"*June 30th, 1871.* Increase of Lodges, nearly four per cent.; of membership, thirty-seven and two-fifths; of annual receipts, about fifty-nine per cent., and our prospects for the coming year look equally as encouraging.

"The coming Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States will find us petitioning for a Charter for a Grand Encampment in Colorado, and we intend to make that as prosperous as we have our Grand Lodge."

I have also the following interesting communication from the very zealous and able D. D. Grand Sire, Bro. CLARENCE P. ELDER, P. G. Rep. :

"By reference to the Reports transmitted," he remarks, "you will see no great or marked increase in either membership or receipts of Encampments; the cause of this fact is this, until recently money has been very scarce in the Territories, and brothers feared to assume an additional burden by joining the Encampment.

"With the institution of Cheyenne Encampment, this Jurisdiction will have a sufficient number of Camps to entitle it to apply for a Charter for a Grand Encampment; the Patriarchs of both Territories feeling the necessity as a means to our greater growth and prosperity, of our being under our own local control, are now taking steps to make the proper application for that purpose.

"Judging the *future* by the *past*, and referring to the marked success that attended the institution of our Grand Lodge, I have no hesitancy in stating it as my belief that the granting of a Charter to this Jurisdiction would assist very materially in the prosperity, and, as a consequence, the usefulness of the Patriarchal branch of the Order with us. I therefore add that this movement has my approval, and I think it would be the part of sound policy and wisdom for the Grand Lodge of the United States to grant the application."

Nevada.—Brother JAS. H. KINKEAD, the Grand Secretary of Nevada, has the merit of making his Report in due season, which I wish I could say of all Grand Secretaries. Although he accompanies the Report with no comment, the document speaks for itself, and shows decided progress. Nineteen Lodges are at healthful work. For the condition of the Encampment branch, the Report of the D. D. G. Sire for Colorado, under which Jurisdiction these bodies are, may be consulted.

Minnesota.—The Annual Report from Minnesota shows a gain of six Lodges and 249 members during the year. Bro. SHERWOOD HUGH, the efficient Grand Secretary, remarks, accompanying the Report, that "he delayed it as long as possible, to include the returns of all the Lodges, but was obliged at last to send it without returns from No. 12." A Grand Encampment was instituted in the State during the year, by Bro. C. D. STRONG, the very efficient D. D. G. Sire, who has transmitted the final reports of the Subordinates, and closed his official career with credit to himself and advantage to the Order.

Florida.—The Report from Florida is gratifying, although the Order is comparatively feeble in the State. There has been decided progress. Five Lodges are reported, with an aggregate membership of one hundred and twelve. To Bro. A. B. CLARK, the active D. D. G. Sire, we are indebted for prompt returns from Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, and for efficient supervision of the Encampment branch.

New York.—The Annual Reports from this State are received, accompanying which Bro. C. V. CLARK, the distinguished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, transmits the following very welcome and cheering intelligence as to the situation of the Order :

"I sent you the Reports of the Grand Lodge of New York, together with those of the Grand Encampment, from Utica, on the last day of the Session (24th inst.), and trust they reached you in good time. I regret that there is so little time between the Session of our Grand Lodge and that of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as it must necessarily inconvenience you in completing your Report. We have added to the number of Lodges in this Jurisdiction, since our last Session, forty-three, twelve of which were *re-instatments*. This to me is extremely gratifying, as it is evidence of the renewed interest of those whose hearts in days gone by were warm and sympathetic in the good cause. From my Reports you will notice we show a net increase in membership of 3,542.

"The Patriarchal branch of the Order is in equally prosperous condition, eleven Encampments having been instituted during the past year, and prospects of a still greater increase for the coming year."

Michigan.—Bro. F. M. FOSTER, the worthy and attentive Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Michigan, gives a most gratifying Report from that

Jurisdiction, which I hereto annex. Under date of August 30th he writes as follows :

" You will perceive by our Reports the Order is doing finely in this Jurisdiction, in fact Odd-Fellowship was never more prosperous in Michigan than it is at the present time ; thirty-one Lodges have been added in the last year. Our increase in membership has not been in proportion to the increase in the number of Lodges, but we are proud of the men of high standing that are now coming to our standard and enrolling their names under the banner of Odd-Fellowship. The *grand desideratum* for Odd-Fellowship in Michigan is the location of the Odd-Fellows' Institute in the City of Lansing, the Capital of the State. The Odd-Fellows and citizens of that city having made the magnanimous donation of *forty thousand dollars*, the brotherhood are donating liberally, and you may be assured that the Odd-Fellows' Institute of Michigan will be an asylum for widows and orphans of Odd-Fellows for generations unborn.

" The Encampment branch of the Order is also doing as well as we could expect. We report nine more Encampments and four hundred more members."

The subjoined highly interesting letter, dated July 25, 1871, from Bro. ISAAC SIDES, M. W. Grand Master of Michigan, gives a gratifying picture of our Order in that State :

" I am happy to inform you that the Jurisdiction of Michigan, in the good work of Odd-Fellowship, has this year had a progressive career, with the promise of continued prosperity. There is a deep interest manifested in the several Lodges of Michigan to conform strictly to work in accordance to instructions, and to emulate all other Lodges in fidelity to past principles. The increase of Lodges, the resuscitation of old Lodges, and the institution of Rebekah Degree Lodges, has been my highest ambition, after the example of my respected predecessor ; good success has attended my labors ; much of it has been accomplished with the aid of the Grand Officers ; especially am I indebted to my good brother, the R. W. Grand Treasurer, in this regard. At the end of the present term Michigan will not be behind any of her sister Jurisdictions according to her population."

Arkansas.—The Annual Report from this State was transmitted 21st August, by the very attentive and able Grand Secretary, Bro. THOMAS R. WELCH, whose letter accompanying describes the condition of the Order in glowing terms. I give it in full as follows :

" I herewith send you the Report of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Arkansas, for the year ending June 30th, 1871. I have delayed until the present, in the hope of getting returns from all the Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction, but in this I am disappointed. I have made the reports as full and as accurate as I could with the reports that have come to my office from the Lodges.

" I am glad to report that our beloved Order is in a more flourishing condition than it has ever been. The number of our Lodges is multiplying as rapidly as is desirable, and the membership we are receiving is of a good character. The principles of our Order have taken a deep hold upon the minds of our members, and their walk and conversation are telling powerfully upon the world for good. If our Order be judged by its fruits, the only infallible standard of judgment, it will be pronounced good. Our members, so far as we are informed, generally proclaim the sublime principles of Odd-Fellowship. They relieve the distressed, visit the sick, educate the orphan, and bury the dead. In the faithful discharge of their duties they are a blessing to others, and receive the reward of well-doing for themselves. There appears to me to be a bright future for our Order in this State, and all that is necessary to secure it is for our members to live up to their obligations, and guard well the entrance to our sacred asylum, so that none that are unworthy are ever permitted to pass the threshold of our Lodge."

The Patriarchal branch in Arkansas, numbering seven Encampments, is in charge of Bro. P. C. HOOPER, D. D. G. Sire, who has manifested the most active and zealous interest in the service, and had great success in his administration. He has with marked promptitude transmitted the returns and percentage from the Encampments in the State, all of which are highly

prosperous, with a single exception, in relation to which he remarks as follows :

"I can receive no answer to my communication to *Walker Encampment, No. 5*. I am fearful that the material composing Walker have lost that old love and energy that formerly characterized them. I feel confident that a visitation from one in authority would infuse new ardor and spirit into the members and may be the means of putting them on a sure foundation in future. It is impossible for me to go—in fact I have no time that I can call my own—but I would like to have some one to go, and pay their expenses out of the Grand Lodge fund."

Alabama.—The Reports from Alabama are duly received. I am indebted to Grand Secretary W. A. SHIELDS, for the following interesting account of Odd-Fellowship in the Jurisdiction, which I present in his own words. He remarks under date of August 23d, that "it will appear from the Annual Report, that the growth of the Order in this Jurisdiction has been good, and I am pleased to add that its condition now is healthy and prosperous, and the outlook more encouraging than it has been for years."

Ontario.—The intelligence which the accompanying letter from the distinguished Grand Secretary of this Jurisdiction, Brother J. B. KING, supplies, is in the highest degree gratifying and encouraging. In no part of our spacious field of labor has a larger yield rewarded the active efforts of our brethren. Under date of August 23d, Bro. KING writes as follows:

"Our last Annual Session was held in the city of Toronto, commencing on the 2d day of August, and was by far the most largely attended Session of any yet held in this Jurisdiction, there having been eighty-nine Representatives present. There were fifteen new Lodges instituted during the year, an increase of nearly fifty per cent.; while the increase in membership was one thousand one hundred and three, about the same percentage.

"I am fully convinced that this large increase is not the result of mere curiosity, but of mature thought and a desire to promote the best interests of society. As an indication of what we expect during the current year I would say that Durham Lodge, No. 78, has been instituted by the Grand Master in the flourishing town of Port Hope, instituted on the 15th of August last, a Charter having been granted at the late Session of the Grand Lodge. I predict that we will report next year as large a percentage of increase as at present, as I believe the star of the Order here is in the ascendant, and its course steadily onward and upward. May we go on both here and throughout the entire Jurisdiction, until suffering humanity has no want to relieve, nor the sorrowing a tear to dry."

Nebraska.—From this State I have received the following interesting letter, accompanying the Annual Report from Brother JOHN EVANS, the worthy Grand Secretary. He writes this under date Sept. 5, 1871:

"Herewith I transmit the Annual Report of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Nebraska, for the year ending June 30, 1871.

"The Report has been delayed for more than a month awaiting the Semi-Annual Returns from two of our Lodges, one of which is not yet received."

"The institution of four new Lodges and the resuscitation of one defunct Lodge, (No. 1,) marks the progress of our Order in this young Jurisdiction for the year ending June 30, 1871. And since which time four new Lodges have been added to the number, giving us at this date twenty-eight (28) working Lodges, one Degree Lodge, and two Rebekah Lodges; embracing a membership of not less than eleven hundred.

"The increase in our membership has not been as large as the increase in the number of Lodges would indicate.

"This is explained with the fact that the many new points of agricultural and commercial interest developed by the rapid extension of numerous arteries of our extensive railroad system, has drawn largely upon the Lodges in the older settlements for material with which to establish new Lodges at these new centres, where the increase is both rapid and healthful.

"From the standpoint of our past prosperity, the view beyond is hopeful, and we have renewed encouragement for the future of our Order in this State.

"The active, earnest zeal with which the Brotherhood enters upon the

work, and their faithful practice of its precepts, can not but impress society with a favorable opinion of our Institution and lead good and intelligent men to desire and seek a more intimate knowledge of its intrinsic excellence."

The very efficient D. D. Grand Sire, Bro. S. J. GOODRICH, has transmitted the Reports and dues of the Encampment with regularity. He writes under date of August 29, that "all is flourishing in Nebraska."

Oregon.—The intelligence from this remote Jurisdiction is highly gratifying. Under date of July 31st, the very zealous and efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. CHESTER N. TERRY, in transmitting the Annual Report, writes as follows:

"Another year has rolled around since I made you my Annual Report, and I again transmit to you my Annual Report for the year ending June 30, 1871. You will see that we are still progressing—still advancing into new ground—still clinging to our cherished Order; and may the good providence of God still continue with us, as I have no doubt we will still move onward to a glorious future. I have been delayed on account of the Lodges being tardy."

Virginia.—Brother WM. J. RIDDICH, the very worthy Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this Jurisdiction, accompanies his Reports with the following gratifying statement:

"I at length forward you the Report of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to the Grand Lodge of the United States, delayed in consequence of informal reports from Subordinates, which I regret. Our Order is improving steadily although slowly, as you will perceive by this report compared with our last, yet the fond hope is still cherished that we will ere long emerge from our apathy and lethargy and come out with flying colors."

"I hand you the Report of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, and while it shows a falling off from our last Report, such is not the actual fact, as the Reports from the Subordinate Encampments are so imperfect, I had to make the best Report I could from them. I believe that our Encampment branch is progressing slowly, and the Reports if given correctly would have shown a better exhibit. Since the last Session of our Grand Encampment one Encampment has been reorganized, and two new Encampments chartered and working well, and we hope for better things during the present year."

California.—Odd-Fellowship in this great Jurisdiction continues its onward career. In both branches of the Order prosperity has rewarded the labors of the brethren. The condition of the Order is presented in the subjoined very interesting letter from Bro. T. R. JOHNSON, the distinguished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. Under date August 31st, he writes as follows:

"With this I forward the Reports of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge and R. W. Grand Encampment of California."

"Since my last Report, I am gratified in showing that the good work is progressing in this Western country. We have added fifteen new Lodges and four new Encampments to our roll, and an increase of membership in the Patriarchial branch of 67 members, and in that of the Subordinate of 1166 members. We have also been doing some good in assisting the sick and distressed, having paid in benevolence and charities, \$113,945.75. Total assets of Subordinate Lodges footed up in April last, \$779,203.05, independent of value of libraries, which is placed at \$102,501.00."

"In addition to the number of Lodges reported, we have granted dispensations for two new Lodges, which will be instituted in a few days. I am unable to give full returns from all the Lodges, as eight have, at this late day, failed to report. Two Lodges have ceased to exist since September last; with this exception, we have had a prosperous year, and although business on this coast has been depressed, we feel that our beloved Order has been greatly favored."

Texas.—The Annual Reports from this important Jurisdiction are received, and show decided improvement. I regret that they have been made at so late a period, and are unaccompanied by a letter from the Grand Secretary.

Tennessee.—The Annual Returns from this much valued State come while the Grand Secretary's Report is being worked off; the press is stopped

necessarily, the form deranged, and the printer's equanimity disturbed thereby; nevertheless the desire to present full statistics, and to respect the good reason assigned for the delay by the very excellent and hitherto prompt Grand Secretary, Bro. R. H. BARRY, prevails, and I present his accompanying letter with pleasure. Under date of September 5th he writes as follows:

"The time having arrived when it is made my duty as Grand Secretary to make my Annual Report to you of the work of the Order in this Jurisdiction, I deem it proper to add thereto a few words in reference to its progress. Since my last report ten *new* Lodges have been organized, and two which had ceased to work have been restored to life, all of which are now in the full tide of success with prospects the most brightening, being located in some of the best portions of our State, and composed of the very salt of the country. You will find by reference to my report that we have a net increase the year past of near five hundred members, and this, notwithstanding the severe pruning most of the Lodges have undergone and the hard times they had to encounter. The subject of educating the orphan and making provision for the protection of the widow, has and is now receiving the attention of many of the best members in the State. Our brethren in the Western District have organized an Institution for the education of the orphan, and have in course of erection in the town of Humboldt a splendid building capable, when completed, of accommodating four hundred pupils, besides having therein a capacious and well arranged Lodge room for the use of the Order, and from the known zeal and ability of the brethren in charge it will soon be completed and in successful operation.

"The Encampment branch has not done so well as we had hoped and expected. During the year five new Camps have been instituted, and we did hope to gain sufficient members to entitle us to an additional Representative, but the depressed condition of the finances of the members of our Lodges have compelled them to postpone their desire to become acquainted with the sublime mysteries of the Patriarchial Order until the better day comes when they will be able to do so with justice to themselves and families. This and the dropping of members for the non-payment of dues are the causes of our small increase in this branch.

"Your brotherly forbearance, we well know, will excuse the apparent tardiness in sending this report, when I inform you of the fact that I have been confined to my house by sickness nearly all this summer, will, to your kind, benevolent heart be sufficient apology for my delay."

New Mexico.—Paradise Lodge, No. 2, in New Mexico, at Santa Fe, under charge of Bro. JOHN RITTER, D. D. Grand Sire, continues to maintain itself notwithstanding its comparatively isolated situation. Bro. RITTER writes under date of July 7th, as follows:

"I herewith submit my Semi-Annual Report of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., for the Jurisdiction of New Mexico. Our Lodge has been working in a very harmonious and satisfactory manner during the last year, and the best of feeling exists in our small brotherhood in this territory. We have to labor here under the greatest difficulty, by the brotherhood being scattered throughout the whole territory; therefore the work of the Lodge is imposed upon about ten of its members. But I have to congratulate our members, who live in the remote parts of our Territory, in being prompt in paying their dues to the Lodge, as we can only be prosperous in having funds in our treasury to give relief whenever it is required; and I further feel grateful to the few brothers who are taking the greatest of interest in the progression of our Lodge, and hope to see that our isolated Territory will yet prove to be a bright and shining star in the good work of Odd-Fellowship."

Dakota Territory.—We have a Lodge in this remote Territory, located at Yankton, which is not very far distant from Sioux City, in Iowa. It has been under charge of Bro. T. J. KINCAID, P. D. G. Master of Iowa, since its institution, a very efficient and zealous brother, who has taken great interest in its welfare; last year he recommended that the Lodge be placed under the Jurisdiction of Iowa; but I do not see the necessity or propriety of such legislation, since it is very obvious from his reports, that the Lodge is in most excellent care. I subjoin the following extract from his report:

"You will see by the Report that the brothers are not increasing much in

numerical strength, but they are moving along slowly and surely, and what members they are getting are of the right kind. I think I will be able to institute two more Lodges in the Territory during this term; I have been hunting up the scattered ones and getting them together, and they all feel a deep interest in the Order, and our brothers are helping all they can."

Montana.—We have in this distant Jurisdiction three Subordinates at active work. Bro. C. DUNAVAN, who has been in charge as D. D. G. Sire since 1870, has proved to be a very zealous and indefatigable officer. I regret to report that he has removed from the Territory and ceased to act as D. D. G. Sire. The reports of the three Lodges have been regularly made and received.

Province of Quebec.—Mt. Royal Lodge, No. 1, located at Montreal, instituted by the Grand Sire during the recess, has, after some trials and internal difficulties, which were promptly met and overcome, embarked upon a career of great promise. D. D. G. Sire GEORGE VAREY, to whom the supervision of the District is committed, has proved himself to be eminently qualified and extremely zealous in the good work.

Australia.—I have had but little intelligence from this important Jurisdiction during the past year. In consequence of this condition of things, I took occasion to suggest to the Grand Sire to open a correspondence with the authorities, and sought also, through Grand Secretary T. RODGERS JOHNSON, of California, to hear from it. At length I received a letter from J. W. SHARP, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, dated Geelong, February 7th, 1871; also a letter dated Geelong, February 18th, 1871. These two letters are very brief, and each refers in terms of unmistakable earnestness and dissatisfaction to the legislation touching the change heretofore asked of the terms of their Charter in reference to qualifications for membership.

I received this letter on the 5th of June, and replied on the same day, in which I took occasion to hold out the expectation that definite legislation would be had at this Session on the subject referred to. The letters and my reply are herewith annexed.

Since this period the M. W. Grand Sire has received a long and interesting communication from Bro. HENRY VINE, D. D. G. Sire, referring specially to the same subject. It is much to be desired that this matter shall have a final solution at the present Session, and that our relations and intercourse with this valuable Jurisdiction be improved.

Peru, South America.—Early in January last a letter was received from Bro. NATASIVS HURWITZ, dated at Lima, Peru, December 19th, 1870, accompanied by a petition in due form of law, signed by five Odd-Fellows holding Withdrawal Cards, and a bill of exchange at sight on Messrs. DUNCAN, SHERMAN & Co., New York, praying for a Charter to open a Lodge in that city.

The letter and bill of exchange were duly acknowledged, and the subject was referred to the consideration of the Grand Sire on the 31st of January. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary was directed by the Grand Sire to open a correspondence with Bro. LEWIS SOHER, Past Grand Patriarch of the Jurisdiction of California, with a view to inquiries deemed important preliminary to action in the premises. As a result of this correspondence, Bro. SOHER consented to accept an appointment tendered to him by the M. W. Grand Sire as Special Commissioner in relation to the introduction of the Order in Peru. Bro. SOHER acquitted himself most thoroughly and satisfactorily of the high trust committed to him; after a full correspondence and interchange of opinions between him and the parties at Lima, at his instance the Grand Sire authorized a blank Dispensation to be issued and transmitted to him to be entrusted to proper and reliable hands, in his discretion. All the correspondence on the subject is herewith submitted.

Germany.—So full on the subject of Odd-Fellowship in Germanic Europe and Switzerland is the Report of the M. W. Grand Sire, that but little remains for the Grand Secretary to report. Our present acquisition in that Jurisdiction comprehends four Lodges in Germany, one Encampment and

one Lodge in Zurich, Switzerland. To Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, D. D. G. Sire, we are indebted chiefly for this success, to whose unwearied and unquarable perseverance, great administrative ability, and large liberality may we refer in a great degree the splendid results obtained. The correspondence between this office and Bro. MORSE has been very voluminous and massive, and is by far too extended to admit of publication with this report: inasmuch, however, as it is very interesting in connection with this highly important step taken by the Order, and throws much light upon the trials and difficulties, which were met and overcome in this movement, I suggest that the Committee on Correspondence thoroughly dissect it, and designate how much of it should be published in the Revised Journal.

I have received from Bro. OTTO SCHÖETTL, Noble Grand of Württemberg Lodge, No. 1, Stuttgart, Kingdom of Württemberg, a very interesting communication, dated Stuttgart, December 15, 1870, addressed to the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., being a certified copy of a series of resolutions passed by the Lodge, expressing its sense of gratitude for the establishment of the Order in Germanic Europe; also for the services of Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, accompanied by a very fine photograph, representing the Lodge at its institution; also a similar communication from Bro. HUGO WOLLHEIM, Noble Grand of Germania Lodge, No. 1, dated Berlin, May 6, 1871, accompanied with a splendid photograph of the Lodge at the institution thereof, as presents to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. I replied to each of these communications, suitably expressing our sincere thanks for the compliment conferred. Copies of this correspondence are herewith submitted.

In connection with the subject of introducing the Order into Germany, I beg to make my acknowledgments to L. F. BEELER, P. G. Representative, one of the employees of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, for special courtesy and facilities in forwarding per Steamship Ohio a package of Supplies to Special Deputy Grand Sire MORSE, from Baltimore to Bremen Haven, free of expense. It has been gratifying to me to have had, during the active progress of events growing out of the establishment of the Order in Germany, quite an interesting correspondence with our distinguished brother, F. S. OSTHEIM, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, who has been sojourning in Westphalia, since the adjournment of the last Session. I took occasion to bring Brothers OSTHEIM and MORSE together, and to recommend to the latter to avail of the valuable service of the former in aid of his important mission. This suggestion was cordially adopted by Bro. MORSE. The brethren were, although separated by considerable distance, brought together at Berlin, at which city, on the occasion of the institution of Germania Lodge, No. 1, Grand Representative OSTHEIM took part, and shared in the honor of the proceedings. For this coöperation, and his zealous interest generally in the success of the German mission, the thanks of the Lodge are eminently due. The correspondence is herewith submitted.

Sandwich Islands.—This Jurisdiction is under the special charge of the Grand Lodge of California. I have received during the recess a communication from W. C. PEAKE, P. D. D. Grand Sire, who for many years acted very efficiently in this capacity, and rendered essential service to the Order. This brother was specially recognized at the Annual Session in San Francisco, and was formally introduced and received. The letter is interesting, and is herewith annexed. In this connection I beg to suggest that the Grand Lodge would define by law the extent of the powers designed to be conferred upon State Grand Lodges over Subordinates outside their territorial limits, which have been placed under their jurisdiction, and that all Jurisdictions holding such Subordinates in charge, should be required to report specially in reference to their condition and progress. The first suggestion is made for the reason that an opinion prevails that such relation is designed to be permanent, and has the effect to incorporate or merge them into the contiguous Grand Jurisdictions to which they are respectively assigned or transferred, and that new Charters should be issued to them by such Jurisdictions in conformity to such idea. This opinion is doubtless erroneous; the Grand Lodge, it is believed, only designed to place such Subordinates temporarily under contiguous Grand Jurisdictions, in consequence of their

remoteness from the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and for their greater convenience in obtaining information and instruction in the work; having in view always to reclaim jurisdiction over them whenever the state of the Order within the limits of the territory where they were situate should justify their organization into distinct State Grand Jurisdictions. The second suggestion is made in consonance with this view of their relation to this Grand Body, to the end that instead of their condition being bound up comparatively within the records of the State Grand Body to which they have been annexed, their progress should be known to the Order at large.

Utah Territory.—Under the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

Washington Territory.—Under the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Arizona Territory.—Under Grand Lodge of California.

Wyoming Territory.—Under Grand Lodge of Colorado.

REPORTS FROM IMMEDIATE SUBORDINATES.

Reports have been received during the year from the following Lodges and Encampments, under this immediate jurisdiction :

Lodges.

Paradise, No. 2, Santa Fe, New Mexico, two reports ; members, 33 ; revenue, \$560.50.

Montana, No. 1, Helena, Montana, one report ; members, 55 ; revenue, \$753.

Cottonwood, No. 2, Deer Lodge City, Montana, one report ; members, 26 ; revenue, \$267.

Bannack, No. 3, Bannack City, Montana, one report ; members, 30 ; revenue, \$271.

Dakota, No. 1, Yankton, Dakota, two reports ; members, 29 ; revenue, \$309.61.

Mount Royal, No. 1, Montreal, Province of Quebec, one report ; members, 33 ; revenue, \$318.01.

Württemberg, No. 1, Stuttgart, Württemberg, one report ; members, 51 ; revenue, 683.40 florins.

Germania, No. 1, Berlin, Prussia, one report ; members, 45 ; revenue, 270.25 thalers.

Encampments.

Eagle, No. 1, Helena, Arkansas, two reports ; members, 26 ; revenue, \$193.80.

Arkansas, No. 2, Little Rock, Arkansas, two reports ; members, 58 ; revenue, \$500.

Fort Smith, No. 3, Fort Smith, Arkansas, two reports ; members, 18 ; revenue, \$168.25.

Walker, No. 5, Washington, Arkansas, one report ; members, 31 ; revenue, \$189.

Hooper, No. 6, Augusta, Arkansas, two reports ; members, 25 ; revenue, \$184.65.

Jefferson, No. 7, Pine Bluffs, Arkansas, two reports ; members, 25 ; revenue, \$299.

Golden Rule, No. 8, (instituted this year,) Searcy, Arkansas, one report ; members, 12 ; revenue, \$138.50.

Green Mountain, No. 3, Burlington, Vermont, two reports ; members, 62 ; revenue, \$62.

Oasis, No. 5, Brattleboro, Vermont, two reports ; members, 49 ; revenue, \$128.04.

Moose River, No. 6, St. Johnsbury, Vermont, two reports ; members, 35 ; revenue, \$159.27.

Otter Creek, No. 7, (instituted this year,) Rutland, Vermont, one report ; members, 19 ; revenue, \$110.

Minnesota, No. 1, St. Paul, Minnesota, one report ; members, 54 ; revenue, \$156.50.

uester, No. 2, Rochester, Minnesota, one report ; members, — ; reve-
 30.42.
 olet, No. 3, St. Peter's, Minnesota, one report ; members, 22 ; revenue,
 ral, No. 4, Owatonna, Minnesota, one report ; members, 21 ; revenue,
 ler, No. 5, Minneapolis, Minnesota, one report ; members, 20 ; reve-
 3.75.
 pbell, No. 1, Wilmington, North Carolina, two reports ; members, 28 ;
 e, \$103.35.
 ey, No. 10, Greensboro, North Carolina, two reports ; members, 10 ;
 e, \$52.
 ton, No. 13, Tarboro, North Carolina, two reports ; members, 17 ;
 e, \$185.50.
 an, No. 14, Salisbury, North Carolina, one report ; members, 22 ;
 e, \$140.
 ee, No. 15, (instituted this year,) Raleigh, North Carolina, one re-
 members, 17 ; revenue, \$230.00.
 illa, No. 2, Tallahassee, Florida, two reports ; members, 27 ; revenue,
 gely, No. 1, Nebraska City, Nebraska, two reports ; members, 40 ;
 e, \$161.00.
 perian, No. 2, Omaha, Nebraska, two reports ; members, 67 ; revenue,
 3.
 rado, No. 1, Central City, Colorado, two reports ; members, 16 ; reve-
 165.
 ver, No. 2, Denver, Colorado, two reports ; members, 36 ; revenue,
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 l Mountain, No. 4, (instituted this year,) Nevada City, Colorado, one
 ; members, 17 ; revenue, \$224.65.
 rt, No. 10, Picton, Nova Scotia, Lower Prov. B. N. A., two reports ;
 ers, 23 ; revenue, \$150.25.
 nning, No. 3, Laramie, Wyoming, two reports ; members, 13 ; revenue,
 3.
 elsior Encampment, No. 4, Factory Point, Vermont, one report ; mem-
 3 ; revenue, \$10.00.

WARRANTS ISSUED IN RECESS.

rants have been issued for the following Grand Encampments, Sub-
 te Encampments, and Subordinate Lodges during the recess.
 nd Encampment of Minnesota, May 4, 1871, located at St. Paul.
 nd Encampment of Vermont, June 5, 1871, located at Rutland.
 an Encampment, No. 14, November 14, 1870, located at Salisbury,
 Carolina.
 len Rule Encampment, No. 8, December 29, 1870, located at Searey,
 sas.
 ng Encampment, No. 6, February 15, 1871, located at Hastings, Min-
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 r Creek Encampment, No. 7, February 29, 1871, located at Rutland,
 ont.
 i Mountain Encampment, No. 4, March 1, 1871, located at Nevada
 Colorado.
 ne Encampment, No. 4, April 7, 1871, located at Lincoln, Nebraska.
 ee Encampment, No. 15, April 17, 1871, located at Raleigh, North
 ina.
 — Encampment, No. 2, June 30, 1871, located at Cheyenne, Wyoming.
 rttemberg Lodge, No. 1, December 1, 1870, located at Stüttgart, Würt-
 rg.
 unt Royal Lodge, No. 1, December 13, 1870, located at Montreal,
 nce of Quebec.
 tonwood Lodge, No. 2, April 22, 1871, located at Deer Lodge City,
 ana.
 nack Lodge, No. 3, April 24, 1871, located at Bannack City, Montana.
 mania Lodge, No. 1, April 2, 1871, located at Berlin, Prussia.

Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, June 6, 1871, located at Dresden, Saxony.

Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, June 19, 1871, located at Zurich, Switzerland.

Borussia Lodge, No. 2, July 25, 1871, located at Berlin, Prussia.

The returns made by the Officers, by whom the several bodies were instituted, are herewith submitted.

FISCAL YEAR.

The experience, as well in this office, as of the Grand Secretaries generally, in Jurisdictions where the Annual Sessions of the State Grand Bodies are held in the late Spring or during the Summer, renders it absolutely necessary, that the Fiscal Year, which now terminates 30th June, should be changed. In some instances the Annual Sessions are held in July, and in others in August, rendering the preparation of reports from these Grand Bodies, by reason of the brief period which intervenes before the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, unavoidably much hurried and liable to inaccuracy; in addition to which I may say, that the Annual Report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is often thus delayed to so late a period, that it is only got to press a day or two in advance of the Annual Session. I recommend that the Fiscal Year of the Grand Lodge of the United States terminate hereafter on the 30th December, in each and every year, and that suitable provision be made to *enforce* Reports from State Grand Bodies prior to 30th June of the succeeding year.

FINANCES.

The following statement represents the amount for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body, during the past Fiscal Year. The several amounts received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this Report. A supplementary report will be made of the further receipts during the Session. Accompanying also is appended the usual report of stock on hand, and supplies sold during the year, with an analysis of the Annual Returns.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year
terminating September 21st, 1870, and ending August 28th, 1871.

IND LODGES.	Balance.	Cards.	Dismissal Certificates.	Books.	Odes.
na				\$4 00	.....
sas	\$130 00	\$60 00	.....	110 25	\$5 00
do .....	.....	90 00	\$20 00	115 00	.....
cticut .....	.....	190 00	24 80	7 40	37 50
are .....	.....	60 00	10 00	20 00	.....
a	6 40	9 60	.....	28 19	.....
a	30 50	45 00	9 00	105 25	5 00
s .....	.....	980 00	40 00	957 50	115 00
ia	50	800 00	20 00	628 50	65 00
.....	.....	480 00	20 00	727 60	70 00
s .....	.....	100 00	20 00	377 00	20 00
cky .....	.....	140 00	20 00	439 25	30 00
ana	1 08	47 80	10 00	56 00	.....
Prov. B. N. A.	9 78	.....	.....	12 22	.....
.....	.....	50 00	7 20	66 25	.....
and .....	.....	200 00	20 00	102 50	10 00
chusetts .....	.....	520 00	80 00	412 75	2 50
esota	12 50	40 00	.....	142 50	10 00
uri	314 17	440 00	20 00	12 50	25 00
Hampshire .....	.....	335 00	10 00	178 00	10 00
Jersey .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
York	357 25	720 00	65 00	610 50	165 00
la	228 50	12 59	9 20	.....	6 00
.....	.....	1,200 00	.....	1,053 50	162 50
n .....	.....	120 00	6 00	237 75	1 25
sylvania .....	.....	1,400 00	340 00	1,097 00	310 00
e Island .....	.....	80 00	10 00	20 00	15 00
Carolina .....	.....	4 00	.....	14 00	.....
essee .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
.....	.....	260 00	.....	720 50	47 50
ont	28 00	50 00	.....	50 50	.....
Virginia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
nsin.	155 60	300 00	20 00	350 00	10 00
	\$1,274 28	\$8,733 99	\$781 20	\$8,956 91	\$1,124 25

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year
commencing September 21, 1870, and ending August 28, 1871.**

GRAND LODGES.	Diplomas.	Rebekah Certificates.	Miscellaneous.	Rep. Tax.	Total.
Alabama	\$4 00
Arkansas	75 00	380 25
Colorado	75 00	300 00
Connecticut	33	150 00	410 00
Delaware	90 00
Florida	48	75 00	119 67
Georgia	\$12 50	.....	150 00	357 25
Illinois	\$72 50	12 50	.....	150 00	2,327 50
Indiana	150 00	1,664 00
Iowa	25 00	.....	.....	150 00	1,472 60
Kansas	150 00	667 00
Kentucky	150 00	779 25
Louisiana	10 00	.....	42	150 00	275 30
Lower Provinces B.N.A.	75 00	97 00
Maine	33	150 00	273 78
Maryland	150 00	482 50
Massachusetts	150 00	1,165 25
Minnesota	10 00	25 00	150 00	390 00
Missouri	12 50	6 25	.....	150 00	1,280 42
New Hampshire	150 00	683 00
New Jersey	150 00	150 00
New York	75 00	12 50	.....	.....	2,005 25
Nevada	24	150 00	406 53
Ohio	65 00	65	150 00	2,631 65
Oregon	150 00	515 00
Pennsylvania	150 00	3,297 50
Rhode Island	150 00	275 00
South Carolina	75 00	93 00
Tennessee	2 00
Texas	334 42	150 00	1,512 42
Vermont	75 00	203 50
West Virginia	1 50	.....	.....	1 50
Wisconsin	150 00	985 60
	\$195 00	\$120 25	\$361 87	\$3,750 00	\$25,297 75

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal
Year commencing September 21, 1870, and
ending August 28, 1871.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Charters.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.
Connecticut.....	\$24 00	.....	\$42 00
Dartmouth.....	6 25
District of Columbia.....	8 00
Florida.....	8 00
Georgia.....	\$120 00	258 00
Illinois.....	120 00
Indiana.....	26 00
Iowa.....	30 00	81 00
Kentucky.....	80 00	102 00
Louisiana.....	20 00	4 00
Maine.....	40 00	.....
Massachusetts.....	30 00	26 00
Michigan.....	140 00	10 50
Minnesota.....	\$30 00	.....	.....	.....
Missouri.....	100 00	82 50	40 00
New Hampshire.....	80 00	30 00
New York.....	120 00	132 00
North Carolina.....	340 00	487 25
Ohio.....	36 00
Pennsylvania.....	165 00	60 00	224 00
Rhode Island.....	6 00	20 00	10 00
South Carolina.....	10 50
Tennessee.....	30 00	.....	5 00	8 00
Virginia.....	40 00	24 00
Wisconsin.....	48 00	.....	118 00
	\$60 00	\$343 00	\$1,207 50	\$1,812 00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year
commencing September 21, 1870, and ending
August 28, 1871—continued.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Odes.	Dismissal Cards.	Miscellaneous	Rep. Tax.	Total.
Connecticut.....				\$150 00	\$216 00
Delaware.....				75 00	81 00
District of Columbia.....	\$2 50			75 00	85 50
Georgia.....			31	75 00	83 31
Illinois.....				150 00	528 00
Indiana.....				150 00	270 00
Iowa.....				150 00	176 00
Kansas.....				75 00	186 00
Kentucky.....				150 00	332 00
Louisiana.....				75 00	99 00
Maine.....				75 00	115 00
Maryland.....		\$5 00		150 00	211 00
Massachusetts.....		20 00		150 00	320 50
Minnesota.....				75 00	105 00
Missouri.....				150 00	372 50
New Hampshire.....					110 00
New York.....					252 00
Ohio.....		5 00	21	150 00	982 46
Ontario.....				75 00	111 00
Pennsylvania.....		20 00		150 00	619 00
Rhode Island.....				75 00	111 00
South Carolina.....			50	75 00	86 00
Vermont.....			25		43 25
West Virginia.....				75 00	139 00
Wisconsin.....	5 00			150 00	321 00
	\$7 50	\$50 00	\$1 27	\$2,475 00	\$5,956 27

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of *Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year*
commencing September 21, 1870, and ending August 23, 1871.

NAMES.	Charters.	Dues.	Odes.	Books.	Cards
Bannack Lodge, No. 3, Montana T...	\$30 00	\$27 00	.....	.....	.....
Cottonwood L'ge, No. 2, Montana T...	30 00	26 70	.....	.....	.....
McKee Encamp't, No. 15, N. C.....	30 00	23 00	.....	.....	.....
Bald Mount'n Encp't, No. 3, Colorado	30 00	22 50	.....	.....	.....
Otter Creek, Encamp't, No. 7, Vt.....	30 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Royal L'ge, No. 1, Montreal, P.Q.	30 00	35 53	\$2 00	\$1 50	\$5 00
Rowan Encamp't, No. 14, N. C.....	30 00	14 00	.....	.....	.....
Saline Encamp't, No. 4, Nebraska...	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Strong Encamp't, No. 6, Minnesota...	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Golden Rule Encamp't, No. 8, Ark...	30 00	13 85	.....	.....	.....
Peru Lodge, No. 1, Lima, Peru.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ancilla Encamp't, No. 2, Florida....	.....	11 90	.....	.....	.....
Wyoming Encamp't, No. 1, Wy'g T	.....	28 25	.....	.....	.....
Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico..	.....	56 05	.....	5 00	.....
Campbell Encamp't, No. 1, N. C.....	.....	10 34	.....	.....	.....
Paisley Encamp't, No. 10, N. C. ....	.....	5 20	.....	.....	.....
Repton Encamp't, No. 13, N. C.....	.....	18 55	.....	.....	.....
Colorado Encamp't, No. 1, Colorado..	.....	10 35	.....	.....	.....
Denver Encamp't, No. 2, Colorado...	.....	28 15	.....	.....	.....
Stuart Encamp't, No. 10, Nova Scotia	.....	15 10	.....	.....	.....
Montana Lodge, No. 1, Montana Ter	.....	75 30	1 25	6 05	.....
Dacotah Lodge, No. 1, Dacotah Ter..	.....	30 80	.....	.....	.....
Green Mountain Encamp't, No. 3, Vt	.....	6 20	.....	.....	.....
Oasis Encamp't, No. 5, Vt.....	.....	12 81	.....	2 00	9 60
Moose River Encamp't, No. 6, Vt...	.....	15 92	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota Encamp't, No. 1, Minn...	.....	37 40	.....	.....	.....
Rochester Encamp't, No. 2, Minn.....	.....	23 67	.....	.....	.....
Nicholet Encamp't, No. 3, Minn.....	.....	17 10	.....	.....	.....
Central Encamp't, No. 4, Minn.....	.....	8 60	.....	.....	.....
Schiller Encamp't, No. 5, Minn.....	.....	19 28	.....	.....	.....
Ridgely Encamp't, No. 1, Nebraska...	.....	8 75	.....	.....	.....
Hesperian Encamp't, No. 2, Nebraska	.....	8 83	.....	.....	.....
Eagle Encamp't, No. 1, Ark.....	.....	19 40	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas Encamp't, No. 2, Ark.....	.....	90 00	.....	10 00	.....
Fort Smith Encamp't, No. 3, Ark....	.....	18 83	.....	.....	.....
Walker Encamp't, No. 5, Ark.....	.....	18 90	.....	.....	.....
Hooper Encamp't, No. 6, Ark.....	.....	18 46	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson Encamp't, No. 7, Ark.....	.....	29 90	.....	.....	.....
Mrs. Wm. Curtis, of Pennsylvania...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charles Betz, of Pennsylvania.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charles D. Cole, of Massachusetts....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary, for the Fiscal Year
commencing September 21, 1870, and ending
August 28, 1871—continued.**

NAMES.	Charters.	Dues.	Odes.	Books.	Cards.
George F. Weaver, of Pennsylvania.....	\$1 00	.....
Hamburg Lodge, No. 197, Iowa.....	1 00	.....
J. E. Johnson, of Massachusetts.....	1 00	.....
Wm. H. Barnes, of New York.....	14 50	.....
John Faskin, of Ohio.....	1 00	.....
Augustus Pfaff, of Pennsylvania.....
W. A. Simpson, of Tennessee.....	1 00	.....
Taylor Lodge, No. 228, of Pennsylvania....	1 00	.....
James Yorston, of Nova Scotia.....	1 00	.....
Bradford Lodge, No. 167, of Pennsylvania.	1 00	.....
M. C. Lilley & Co., of Ohio.....	6 00	.....
Morenci Lodge, No. 73, of Michigan.....	1 00	.....
Manteo Lodge, No. 8, of North Carolina...
Moses Wright, of Vermont.....	1 00	.....
Emor Johnson, of Ohio.....	1 00	.....
E. K. Hays, of Tennessee.....	3 00	.....
E. A. Rucker, of Illinois.....	1 00	.....
G. S. Hundly, of Missouri.....	1 00	.....
Andrew Jackson, of District of Columbia	1 00	.....
Nelson Bowen, of Wisconsin.....	1 00	.....
C. D. Strong, D. D. G. S. of Minnesota.....	12 00	.....
G. V. Rathman, of West Virginia.....	2 50	.....
Abner Forbes, of Vermont.....	2 50	.....
H. J. Hunter, of Texas...	2 50	.....
A. L. Spear, of Maryland.....	2 50	.....
J. P. Davis, of West Virginia.....	2 50	.....
J. C. Vance, of West Virginia.....	2 50	.....
J. W. Ellis, of Illinois.....	24 00	.....
J. E. Johnson, of Connecticut.....	10 00	.....
J. H. Gardiner, of New Hampshire.....
Joshua Maris, of Delaware.....	2 50	.....
C. L. Shaw, of Vermont.....	2 50	.....
Barnum Lodge, No. 7, of Oregon.....	1 00	.....
J. W. Foster, of Oregon.....	1 00	.....
W. E. Styles, of New Jersey.....	1 00	.....
South Carolina Lodge, No. 1, S. C.	5 00	.....
M. J. Good, of Nebraska.....	1 00	.....
Lawton Lodge, No. 83, of Michigan.....	1 00	.....
James H. Cheatham, of Texas.....	27 00	.....
Wiley Stinson, of Arkansas.....	2 50	.....
James Rodgers, of Tennessee.....	8 50	.....

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of *Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year*
commencing September 21, 1870, and ending
August 28, 1871—concluded.

NAMES.	Charters.	Dues.	Odes.	Books.	Cards.
H. Hill, of California...	\$2 50	.....
Lawrence, of Mississippi	2 50	.....
Redman, of Virginia...	15 00	.....
st Lodge, No. 1, Ark.....	5 00	.....
it Lodge, No. 7, Ark.....	5 00	.....
re Lodge, No. 31, Ark.....	2 50	.....
R. Dickinson, of Del....	15 00	.....
G. Steele, of W. Virginia
Lodge, No. 208, Illinois..	2 50	.....
Morse, D. D. G. Sire, Vt..	\$5 40
ville Lodge, No. 353, Ind	1 00	.....
3. Williams, of Michigan	2 50	.....
1, of Idaho Territory.....	2 50	.....
osenberg, of Missouri.....	2 50	.....
or Encamp't, No. 4, Vt....	\$1 00	.....	.....	.....
ery, of Massachusetts.....	1 00	.....
Baker, of Delaware.....	6 00	.....
	\$330 00	\$818 62	\$3 25	\$272 55	\$20 00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of *Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year*
commencing September 21, 1870, and ending August 28, 1871.

NAMES.	Diplomas.	Rebekah Cer- tificates.	Miscellaneous	Tracts.	Total.
Bannack Lodge, No. 3, Montana T...					\$57 00
Cottonwood L'ge, No. 2, Montana T...					56 70
McKee Encamp't, No. 15, N. C.....					53 00
Bald Mount'n Encamp't, No. 3, Colorado					52 50
Otter Creek Encamp't, No. 7, Vt.....					41 00
Mt. Royal L'ge, No. 1, Montreal, P.Q.	\$10 00	\$6 25		\$1 00	91 25
Rowan Encamp't, No. 14, N. C.....					44 00
Saline Encamp't, No. 4, Nebraska....					30 00
Strong Encamp't, No. 6, Minnesota...					30 00
Golden Rule Encamp't, No. 8, Ark...					43 85
Peru Lodge, No. 1, Lima, Peru.....			\$3 78		33 78
Ancilla Encamp't, No. 2, Florida....					11 90
Wyoming Encamp't, No. 1, Wy'g T...					28 25
Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico..			2 00		63 05
Campbell Encamp't, No. 1, N. C.....					10 24
Paisley Encamp't, No. 10, N. C.....					5 20
Repton Encamp't, No. 13, N. C.....					18 55
Colorado Encamp't, No. 1, Colorado..					10 35
Denver Encamp't, No. 2, Colorado...					28 15
Stuart Encamp't, No. 10, Nova Scotia					15 10
Montana Lodge, No. 1, Montana Ter...					82 60
Dacotah Lodge, No. 1, Dacotah Ter..					30 80
Green Mountain Encamp't, No. 3, Vt...					6 20
Oasis Encamp't, No. 5, Vt.....			33		24 74
Moose River Encamp't, No. 6, Vt...					15 92
Minnesota Encamp't, No. 1, Minn...					37 40
Rochester Encamp't, No. 2, Minn....					23 67
Nicholet Encamp't, No. 3, Minn.....					17 10
Central Encamp't, No. 4, Minn.....					8 60
Schiller Encamp't, No. 5, Minn.....					19 28
Ridgely Encamp't, No. 1, Nebraska...					8 75
Hesperian Encamp't, No. 2, Nebraska					8 83
Eagle Encamp't, No. 1, Ark.....					19 40
Arkansas Encamp't, No. 2, Ark.....					100 00
Fort Smith Encamp't, No. 3, Ark....					18 88
Walker Encamp't, No. 5, Ark.....					18 90
Hooper Encamp't, No. 6, Ark.....					18 46
Jefferson Encamp't, No. 7, Ark.....					29 00
Mrs. Wm. Curtis, of Pennsylvania...	69 00				69 00
Charles Betz, of Pennsylvania.....	325 00	75 00	75 00		400 00
Charles D. Cole, of Massachusetts...	100 00				130 00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of *Grand Secretary*, for the *Fiscal Year*
commencing *September 21, 1870*, and ending
August 28, 1871—continued.

NAMES.	Diplomas	Rebeka Certificates.	Miscellaneous	Tracts.	Total.
George F. Weaver, of Pennsylvania.....	\$1 00
Hamburg Lodge, No. 197, Iowa.	1 00
J. E. Johnson, of Massachusetts.....	1 00
Wm. H. Barnes, of New York.	14 50
John Faskin, of Ohio.	1 00
Augustus Pfaff, of Pennsylvania.	\$42 00	.....	.....	.....	42 00
W. A. Simpson, of Tennessee	1 00
Taylor Lodge, No. 226, of Pennsylvania.	1 00
James Yorston, of Nova Scotia...	1 00
Bradford Lodge, No. 187, of Penna...	1 00
M. C. Lilley & Co., of Ohio.. ..	33 50	.....	.....	.....	39 50
Morenci Lodge, No. 73, of Michigan.	1 00
Manteo Lodge, No. 8, of North Carolina	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Moses Wright, of Vermont.	1 00
Emor Johnson, of Ohio	1 00
E. K. Hays, of Tennessee	3 00
E. A. Rucker, of Illinois.....	1 00
G. S. Hundly, of Missouri	1 00
Andrew Jackson, of District of Columbia	1 00
Nelson Bowen, of Wisconsin	1 00
C. D. Strong, D. D. G. S. of Minnesota...	12 00
G. V. Rathman, of West Virginia.	2 50
Abner Forbes, of Vermont.	2 50
H. J. Hunter of Texas	2 50
A. L. Spear of Maryland	2 50
J. P. Davis, of West Virginia.....	8 00	.....	10	.....	5 60
J. C. Vance, of West Virginia.....	2 50
J. W. Ellis, of Illinois.....	24 00
J. E. Johnson, of Connecticut.....	10 00
J. H. Gardiner, of New Hampshire.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Joshua Maris, of Delaware.....	2 50
C. L. Shaw, of Vermont.....	40	.....	2 90
Barnum Lodge, No. 7, of Oregon.....	1 00
J. W. Foster, of Oregon.....	1 00
W. E. Styles, of New Jersey	1 00
South Carolina Lodge, No. 1, S. C.	5 00
M. J. Good of Nebraska.	1 00
Lawton Lodge, No. 83, of Michigan.....	1 00
James H. Cheatham, of Texas	27 00
Wiley Stinson, of Arkansas	2 50
James Rodgers, of Tennessee.....	8 50

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year
commencing September 21, 1870, and ending
August 28, 1871—concluded.**

NAMES.	Diplomas.	Rebekah Certificates.	Miscellaneous.	Tracts.	Total.
William H. Hill, of California...	\$2 50
Samuel Lawrence, of Mississippi.....	2 50
John T. Redman, of Virginia.....	15 00
Far West Lodge, No. 1, Ark.....	5 00
Covenant Lodge, No. 7, Ark.....	5 00
Sylamore Lodge, No. 31, Ark.	2 50
Wm. R. Dickinson, of Delaware.....	15 00
Thomas G. Steel, of W. Virginia.....	\$3 00	\$3 00	.....	.....	6 00
Onargo Lodge, No. 208, Illinois..	2 50
Sewell Morse, D. D. G. S., of Vt.	5 40
Newtonville Lodge, No. 353, Ind.....	1 00
Henry B. Williams, of Michigan.....	2 50
D. Cram, of Idaho Ter.....	2 50
— Rosenberg, of Missouri.....	2 50
Excelsior Encamp't, No. 4, Vt.....	1 00
N. A. Very, of Massachusetts.....	1 00
H. W. Baker, of Delaware.....	6 00
	\$598 50	\$84 25	\$6 61	\$1 00	\$2134 70

REVENUE.

From the ordinary sources, viz: supplies and Representative tax up to, and inclusive of, August 28, 1871.....	\$33,338 72
Amount to be received at or before the Session.....	8,322 00
Making a total of.....	\$41,710 72
Receipts from the same source last year, per Grand Treasurer's Report, Journal, 4810.....	\$32,878 71
Excess of 1871 over 1870.....	\$8,832 01

The revenue from these sources also exceeds the estimate of the Committee on Finance, in the sum of \$10,010.72.

The state of Finance, gratifying as it is, would have been materially improved, but for the misfortune by which the sale of the Digest was summarily interrupted. We have abundant cause for congratulation in the present splendid exhibit of the Treasury, indicative, as it most unmistakably is, of the general prosperity.

GENERAL RETURNS OF 1870 AND 1871, COMPARED.

Lodges.....	1870.....	3,867	Increase.
".....	1871.....	4,292	415
Initiations.....	1870.....	46,309	
".....	1871.....	49,257	2948
Revenue, G. L. and G. E.....	1870.....	\$3,060,659 01	
".....	1871.....	3,310,009 53	\$249,350 52
Relief, G. L. and G. E.....	1870.....	952,560 27	
".....	1871.....	1,092,095 42	139,535 15
Members.....	1870.....	298,637	
".....	1871.....	327,877	29,240

In closing this Report, it is again my great pleasure to rejoice with the Representatives at the magnificent reward which has been vouchsafed to our united labors during the last year. Nearly thirty thousand members have been added to our fold, and more than a million of dollars have been applied in aid of suffering humanity. Thus do we go on, from year to year, in our noble office of benefaction, adding lustre, and glory, and renown to our beloved institution, and vindicating, by our works, our fealty to that great and good law which "commands us to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan."

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

Baltimore, September 9, 1871.

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Stock on hand September 1, 1870, amount received since, amount disposed of during the year, and amount on hand August 22, 1871.

	Cards.	Dismissal Certificates.	Degree of Rebekah Books.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Installation Books.	Institution Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Encampment Books.	Grand Encampment Books.
On hand Sept. 1, 1870.....	10094	.....	565	1748	1008	375	200	13	1057	45
Rec'd during the year.....	54000	11250	502	503	1004	.....	503	...	500	...
Total.....	64094	11250	1067	2251	2012	375	703	13	1557	45
Disposed of during the year.....	62235	5746	917	1763	1181	112	123	3	1020	6
On hand Aug. 22, 1871....	1859	5504	150	488	831	263	580	10	537	39

STOCK ACCOUNT.

: on hand September 1, 1870, amount received since, amount disposed of during the year, and amount on hand August 22, 1871.

	Diplomas.	Odes.	Funeral Ceremonies (Ger.)		Revised Journal, volumes.	Forms for Degree Lodges.	Degree Lodge Installation Books.		Tracts.	Rebekah Certificates.	Rebekah Degree Lodge Installation Books.		Form Books.	Digests.
on hand Sept. 1, 1870.....	1828	7387	456	681	6227	158	5070	1853	117	326	.....	.....	.....	.....
received during the year.....	3215	35690	.....	.....	.....	.....	2000	.....	496	1006	3077	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	5043	43077	456	681	6227	158	7070	1853	613	1332	3077	.....	.....	.....
disposed of during the year.....	2408	33283	14	55	197	16	200	743	301	460	2777	.....	.....	.....
on hand August 22, 1871.	2635	9794	442	626	6030	142	6870	1110	312	872	300	.....	.....	.....

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES *disposed of from September 1, 1870, to August 22, 1871, showing the cost of each article, selling price and profit.*

Number of each article disposed of.		Sold for	Cost.	Profit.
Institution books.....	119 }	\$258 00	\$31 00	\$226 48
To D. D. Grand Sire.....	4 }			
Encampment Books.....	972 }	1,950 00	275 40	1,674 60
Furnish'd new Encampments.....	48 }			
Form Books.....	460 }	450 00	247 60	202 40
Furnished officers and members G. L. U. S..	159 }			
Diplomas.....	2408	1,204 00	204 68	999 32
Dismissal Certificate.....	5748	1,149 20	166 63	982 57
Degree Books.....	1165 }	2,332 00	265 72	2,066 28
Furnished new Lodges.	16 }			
Charge Books.....	1748 }	3,496 00	476 01	3,019 99
Furnished new Lodges.	15 }			
Rebekah Degree Books.....	917	1,814 00	146 72	1,667 28
Odes.....	33,283	1,664 15	399 96	1,264 19
Institution Books Degree of Rebekah.....	301	225 75	80 06	145 69
Cards.....	62,235	12,477 00	709 48	11,437 52
Grand Lodge Books.....	3	9 00	55	8 45
Grand Encamp't Books	2 }	6 00	2 58	3 42
Furnished new Grand Encampments.....	4 }			
Form of Installation Degree Lodges.....	16	8 00	5 76	2 24
Tracts.....	200 }	2 00	.....	2 00
S. D. G. Sire Morse.....	50 }			
Funeral Ceremonies.....	14 }	14 00	1 36	12 64
S. D. G. Sire Morse.....	20 }			
Revised Journal.....	34 }	119 00	.....	119 00
Per Resolution G Lodge	21 }			
Rebekah Certificates.....	743	185 75	59 44	126 31
Forms for opening Rebekah Deg. Lodges...	196 }	20 60	2 00	18 60
To D. D. G. Sire.....	1 }			
Installation Books.....	112	224 00	30 24	193 76
Digest.....	2545 }	5,726 00	5,331 84	394 16
Per Resolution G. L'ge.	232 }			
		\$33,304 45	\$8,437 55	\$24,866 90

*ANNUAL REPORT of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to R. W. Grand
Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1871.*

LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	No of Ini- tiations.	No of Re- fections.	No. adm'd by Card.	No. with- dr'n by c'd	No. of Re- instat'm's	No. of Sus- pensions.	No. of Ex- pulsions.
G. L. Maryland.....	97	969	117	59	155	88	823	19
G. L. Massachusetts.....	88	2165	367	213	214	88	202	10
G. L. New York.....	281	5115	599	876	1077	339	1409	50
G. L. Pennsylvania.....	664	9579	1481	1679	2195	682	4300	144
G. L. District of Columbia.....	13	138	42	21	41	34	155	3
G. L. Delaware.....	31	197	23	11	14	9	292	4
G. L. Ohio.....	421	4336	.....	864	1150	428	1578	138
G. L. Louisiana.....	30	197	9	31	56	24	166	3
G. L. New Jersey.....	120	1606	168	295	255	100	601	17
G. L. Kentucky.....	148	1190	154	246	299	113	485	47
G. L. Virginia.....	39	370	35	28	67	45	135	9
G. L. Indiana.....	338	2930	330	610	823	245	1385	114
G. L. Mississippi.....	39	280	30	75	101	46	184	4
G. L. Missouri.....	209	1803	398	536	633	469	823	69
G. L. Illinois.....	382	3436	464	976	1190	549	1899	112
G. L. Connecticut.....	27	511	.....	46	62	32	102	5
G. L. Texas.....	74	632	109	166	199	407	179	16
G. L. Tennessee.....	108	930	119	167	206	109	439	32
G. L. South Carolina.....	12	130	10	56	30	14	60	1
G. L. Alabama.....	30	123	7	33	12	20	30	2
G. L. North Carolina.....	16	155	59	37	28	30	42	8
G. L. Georgia.....	28	330	32	83	66	41	139	6
G. L. Maine.....	22	556	.....	21	31	.....	92	4
G. L. New Hampshire.....	31	390	92	33	52	28	106	.....
G. L. Michigan.....	138	1218	294	192	399	116	488	28
G. L. Wisconsin.....	150	1648	222	334	457	239	527	29
G. L. Vermont.....	13	178	26	12	29	37	27	3
G. L. Iowa.....	191	1451	204	513	573	153	543	55
G. L. Arkansas.....	27	298	87	94	82	6	85	4
G. L. Rhode Island.....	18	534	99	43	35	11	45	1
G. L. Florida.....	5	43	3	17	17	9	67	1
G. L. Minnesota.....	26	302	48	106	73	22	88	7
G. L. California.....	186	1811	281	654	†661	150	634	34
G. L. L. Pro. B. N. A.....	8	130	2	25	24	3	1	2
G. L. Ontario.....	44	1259	136	141	184	21	106	7
G. L. Oregon.....	42	210	35	112	137	17	6	8
G. L. Nebraska.....	24	268	37	124	90	12	89	4
G. L. Kansas.....	70	715	99	533	206	31	398	20
G. L. West Virginia.....	55	519	70	89	100	33	282	7
G. L. Nevada.....	19	192	63	84	131	21	113	5
G. L. Colorado.....	17	249	30	85	64	11	61	7
New Mexico.....	1	4	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....
Montana.....	3	18	3	19	2	.....	.....	.....
Dakota.....	1	9	.....	4	.....	2	.....	.....
P. of Quebec, Montreal.....	1	25	1	10	1	.....	.....	1
*Prussia, Berlin.....	2	22	2	23
Wurttemberg, Stuttgart..	1	36	1	15
Saxony, Dresden.....	1
Switzerland, Zurich.....	1
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4292 49257 6388 10362 12222 4835 19106 1040								

*Returns from only one Lodge. †seven resigned.

LODGES.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Members	No. brothers reliv'd	No. wid. fam. rel'd	Amount paid for relief of brothers.	Amount paid for relief of widowed families.
G. L. Maryland.....	205	13908	1398	166	\$51829 27	\$26697 99
G. L. Massachusetts.....	133	12726	843	411	20315 11	4626 22
G. L. New York.....	252	23274	2148	585	49653 89	12132 16
G. L. Pennsylvania.....	713	80153	9986	1221	200546 78	17898 12
G. L. Dis. Columbia.....	20	2301	341	83	6162 00	2556 40
G. L. Delaware.....	19	2542	114	19	3643 81	415 50
G. L. Ohio.....	297	35422	2556	427	62624 56	14780 36
G. L. Louisiana.....	40	1683	107	75	3096 10	2702 40
G. L. New Jersey.....	75	12062	1004	106	27539 78	2778 91
G. L. Kentucky.....	63	8333	728	248	14408 67	5064 25
G. L. Virginia.....	34	2761	418	66	6275 10	1895 65
G. L. Indiana.....	187	19099	2323	217	33142 74	5564 80
G. L. Mississippi.....	18	1576	48	10	750 40	226 79
G. L. Missouri.....	88	10092	732	230	13352 99	5827 00
G. L. Illinois.....	131	18566	1196	204	15813 64	4396 53
G. L. Connecticut.....	29	3268	210	10	8651 71	511 72
G. L. Texas.....	38	2925	149	16	1834 38	351 20
G. L. Tennessee.....	45	4008	255	.....	4393 43	1437 35
G. L. South Carolina.....	4	806	42	69	989 48	368 00
G. L. Alabama.....	17	1117	95	36	1484 75	896 00
G. L. North Carolina.....	11	864	20	5	284 03	66 00
G. L. Georgia.....	20	1623	82	22	2764 00	1436 00
G. L. Maine.....	22	2660	199	20	6477 29	434 16
G. L. New Hampshire.....	39	4123	329	15	8588 13	339 50
G. L. Michigan.....	47	7771	177	39	8958 97	1010 98
G. L. Wisconsin.....	49	8007	262	79	4842 12	1651 63
G. L. Vermont.....	3	716	16	7	292 00	20 50
G. L. Iowa.....	52	9500	362	35	4852 00	460 50
G. L. Arkansas.....	18	999	.....	.....	750 75	352 85
G. L. Rhode Island.....	13	2188	127	16	3628 39	341 13
G. L. Florida.....	5	112	3	4	54 00	60 00
G. L. Minnesota.....	13	1411	37	8	913 05	88 25
G. L. California.....	123	14256	1680	141	74792 50	15206 10
G. L. L. Pro. B. N. A.....	1	400	.....	.....	247 55	42 00
G. L. Ontario.....	21	3495	212	42	2707 01	960 11
G. L. Oregon.....	10	1813	141	4	4488 69	279 00
G. L. Nebraska.....	5	990	33	3	1014 85	116 00
G. L. Kansas.....	12	3316	64	7	2173 38	199 25
G. L. West Virginia.....	33	3679	448	41	6478 15	1029 53
G. L. Nevada.....	8	1290	168	7	7643 00	482 15
G. L. Colorado.....	5	759	38	1	1050 95	40 00
New Mexico.....	1	33	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montana.....	1	92	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dakota.....	.....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pro. Quebec, Montreal.....	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prussia, Berlin.....	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wurtemberg Stuttgart.....	.....	51	.....	.....	.....	.....
Saxony, Dresden.....
Switzerland, Zurich.....
	2920	327877	29091	4697	\$664569 40	\$135742 99

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LODGES.	Am't paid for education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total Relief.	Amount of annual receipts.
. Maryland.....	\$2497 98	\$9107 40	\$90132 64	\$125836 39
. Massachusetts.....	136 24	4422 77	29500 34	132418 97
. New York.....	451 00	12475 77	74712 82	226498 38
. Pennsylvania.....	959 39	57096 34	276500 63	670718 50
. District Columbia.	1620 61	680 38	11019 39	21538 45
. Delaware.....	.....	1908 50	5967 81	15612 20
. Ohio.....	461 65	9443 74	87310 31	219728 30
. Louisiana.....	246 50	1575 90	7620 90	21928 74
. New Jersey.....	192 84	5702 70	36214 23	116379 03
. Kentucky.....	586 43	3824 83	23944 18	62646 14
. Virginia.....	1058 55	1181 00	10410 30	16704 06
. Indiana.....	3586 96	8245 17	50529 67	191768 47
. Mississippi.....	179 65	465 00	1621 84	12882 60
. Missouri.....	2778 35	3559 25	25517 59	78709 48
. Illinois.....	172 45	3352 80	23735 42	162885 70
. Connecticut.....	67 00	1538 85	10769 28	32101 26
. Texas.....	476 16	1166 39	3828 13	27108 22
. Tennessee.....	.....	3453 17	9283 95	41784 31
. South Carolina.....	41 50	210 00	1608 98	.....
. Alabama.....	50 00	692 00	3122 75	9510 31
. North Carolina.....	109 25	165 00	624 28	5309 42
. Georgia.....	456 00	851 00	5507 00	13197 45
. Maine.....	.....	573 00	7484 45	19511 38
. New Hampshire.....	60 75	1649 36	10637 74	25408 72
. Michigan.....	.....	1131 65	6101 60	48113 93
. Wisconsin.....	46 00	1893 95	8433 70	52701 97
. Vermont.....	.....	75 00	387 50	4057 58
. Iowa.....	125 50	1953 00	7391 00	56675 00
. Arkansas.....	37 50	549 80	1690 90	13941 93
. Rhode Island.....	59 00	427 60	4456 12	27014 56
. Florida.....	25 00	35 00	174 00	404 38
. Minnesota.....	.....	316 75	1318 05	12812 67
. California.....	2210 60	12076 22	104285 42	306788 70
. L. Pro. B. N. A.....	.....	30 00	319 55	2391 08
. Ontario.....	106 65	942 76	4716 53	28865 97
. Oregon.....	8 85	552 25	5328 79	36023 67
. Nebraska.....	18 00	95 00	1243 85	12470 40
. Kansas.....	.....	644 00	3016 63	29367 64
. West Virginia.....	21 80	3016 82	10546 30	23863 17
. Nevada.....	.....	1034 35	9159 50	34419 42
. Colorado.....	.....	286 35	1377 30	16100 85
. Mexico.....	.....	.....	.....	560 50
. Montana.....	.....	.....	.....	1291 00
. Idaho.....	.....	.....	.....	309 61
. Quebec, Montreal.....	.....	.....	.....	318 01
. Asia, Berlin.....	.....	.....	.....	149 17
. Stuttgart, Stuttgart.....	.....	.....	.....	273 36
. Silesia, Dresden.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
. Switzerland, Zurich.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$18848 16	\$158400 82	\$977561 37	\$2959101 07

**ANNUAL REPORT of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to
the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for
the year ending June 30, 1871.**

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of Encampments.	No. of Initiations.	No. of Rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of Reinstatements.	No. of Suspensions.	No. of Expulsions.
G. E. Maryland.....	23	102	7	3	2	3	66	.....
G. E. Pennsylvania.....	178	1526	28	302	173	54	501	11
G. E. New York.....	55	831	50	105	170	71	176	7
G. E. Ohio.....	119	1198	38	144	198	98	2	456
G. E. Kentucky.....	40	607	10	38	45	12	70	9
G. E. Virginia.....	11	87	3	2	10	7	35	1
G. E. Connecticut.....	16	224	.....	31	54	10	29	2
G. E. New Jersey.....	44	357	2	137	58	13	174	2
G. E. South Carolina.....	4	19	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Massachusetts.....	26	840	50	61	181	27	33	4
G. E. Maine.....	10	239	6	1	5	2	12	2
G. E. New Hampshire.....	18	230	32	59	75	1	14	2
G. E. Missouri.....	53	412	7	66	56	13	121	4
G. E. District Columbia.....	4	11	.....	1	8	5	13	1
G. E. Georgia.....	8	54	3	2	11	5	31	.....
G. E. Indiana.....	107	537	10	33	147	43	265	16
G. E. Michigan.....	44	446	7	9	52	6	56	2
G. E. Tennessee.....	32	180	7	30	55	11	121	.....
G. E. Mississippi.....	13	64	3	18	19	2	8	1
G. E. Louisiana.....	7	29	.....	2	4	7	23	.....
G. E. Alabama.....	7	11	.....	.....	4	2	24	.....
G. E. Delaware.....	7	35	.....	3	3	7	7	1
G. E. Wisconsin.....	48	402	8	43	80	28	91	9
G. E. Rhode Island.....	8	161	8	1	4	7	10	.....
G. E. Illinois.....	116	685	19	203	225	68	389	12
G. E. Iowa.....	44	208	5	24	29	7	77	7
G. E. Texas.....	21	145	4	9	41	5	31	3
G. E. California.....	45	272	12	88	152	18	139	2
G. E. West Virginia.....	24	84	1	4	22	3	28	2
G. E. Kansas.....	17	187	10	43	12	.....	51	2
G. E. Ontario.....	9	120	.....	7	5	.....	1	7
G. E. Minnesota.....	6	35	.....	3	10	.....	2	2
G. E. Vermont.....	5	40	.....	10	8	.....	1	1
Arkansas.....	7	45	.....	2	18	.....	9	.....
North Carolina.....	5	34	.....	6	13	1	2	.....
Florida.....	1	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska.....	4	14	.....	3	10	1	6	.....
Colorado.....	3	12	.....	9	14	1	4	.....
Wyoming.....	2	7	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Lower Provinces, B. N. A....	1	7
Prussia, Berlin.....	1
	1193	10421	330	1504	1971	538	2632	506

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the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the year
ending June '30, 1871—concluded.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	Amount paid for edu- cation of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Am't of annual rec'ts
G. E. Maryland.....		\$1,552 50	\$11,457 00	\$13,548 66
G. E. Pennsylvania.....	11 00	6,844 00	41,351 00	88,916 49
G. E. New York.....		920 00	3,723 29	18,409 70
G. E. Ohio.....		1,443 03	19,164 03	53,516 21
G. E. Kentucky.....		522 00	3,365 39	9,289 00
G. E. Virginia.....	14 50	79 00	801 50	1,973 16
G. E. Connecticut.....			331 50	4,781 43
G. E. New Jersey.....		420 00	3,286 71	10,159 36
G. E. South Carolina.....			20 00	259 60
G. E. Massachusetts.....		656 00	3,584 00	24,147 49
G. E. Maine.....		10 00	717 00	4,343 55
G. E. New Hampshire.....		175 34	1,031 71	11,566 64
G. E. Missouri.....		99 50	741 50	7,995 01
G. E. Dis. Columbia.....		90 00	1,870 00	3,299 47
G. E. Georgia.....		70 00	368 00	1,599 16
G. E. Indiana.....		985 40	6,807 84	.....
G. E. Michigan.....		65 00	200 00	2,753 24
G. E. Tennessee.....			485 50	4,860 64
G. E. Mississippi.....		30 00	114 00	1,998 56
G. E. Louisiana.....		40 00	119 00	1,059 40
G. E. Alabama.....		30 00	165 00	723 70
G. E. Delaware.....		90 00	975 00	1,796 60
G. E. Wisconsin.....		105 00	440 00	6,440 74
G. E. Rhode Island.....		65 00	429 00	5,134 35
G. E. Illinois.....		109 00	1,089 25	16,549 18
G. E. Iowa.....		85 00	483 00	5,380 85
G. E. Texas.....		42 50	192 00	2,889 39
G. E. California.....		1,137 50	10,126 33	34,317 56
G. E. West Virginia.....		89 50	810 50	2,980 00
G. E. Kansas.....		30 00	255 00	3,555 13
G. E. Ontario.....				1,573 24
G. E. Minnesota.....				182 28
G. E. Vermont.....				467 81
Arkansas.....				2,093 21
North Carolina.....				711 05
Florida.....				98 85
Nebraska.....			30 00	525 10
Colorado.....				691 15
Wyoming.....				172 00
Lower Provinces B. N. A.				150 00
Prussia—Berlin.....				.....
	\$25 50	\$15,785 27	\$114,534 05	\$350,908 46

DOCUMENTS

Accompanying Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary's Report.

THANKS TO MESSRS. BRADLEY & RULOFSON.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
14th July, 1870 : Baltimore.

MESSRS. BRADLEY & RULOFSON :

BRETHREN : Herewith I transmit an attested copy of a resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., passed unanimously at September Session, 1870.

The resolution conveys to you in a few words the heartfelt thanks of that distinguished body for the beautiful work of art and valuable memorial presented by you, for which it has testified its high appreciation by directing its careful preservation in an appropriate public place.

Yours, fraternally,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

THANKS TO TEMPLAR LODGE, No. 17, CALIFORNIA.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
24th June, 1870 : Baltimore.

*To the Noble Grand, Officers and Members
of Templar Lodge, Jurisdiction of California :*

BRETHREN : I have the honor herewith to transmit a duly attested copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of United States, expressive of its high sense of appreciation of the large-hearted liberality of Templar Lodge, No. 17, of California, in making its munificent donation for the purpose of introducing our Order into Germany. In performing this pleasing duty, allow me to say that the grand results to which that liberality has led will ever stand as a monument to the honor and magnanimity of Templar Lodge, and as a perpetual evidence of its devotion to Odd-Fellowship.

With sentiments of profound regard, your brother,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Honolulu, June 8th, 1871.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., U. S. A. :

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : I have taken the liberty of introducing to your notice Bro. CHAS. R. BISHOP, Past Grand of Excelsior Lodge, who goes east to-day on a visit to his native land. Bro. BISHOP united with the Lodge at its commencement, and has been a good active member since his connection with the order.

Bro. BISHOP takes his wife with him. She is a native of the Islands—the daughter of one of the high chiefs, and is a very accomplished lady, and one that is held in high estimation by all our foreign residents, and I hope you may have met her, so that you can form some estimation of our native ladies. She is a Daughter of Rebekah.

Bro. BISHOP is a banker by occupation, and a member of His Majesty's Privy Council of State, and a member of the House of Nobles, which corresponds with our Senate at home. Bro. BISHOP will not be in Baltimore

till September next, and I hope you will (as I have no doubt) introduce him to the brothers of our Order.

Excelsior Lodge is very prosperous; we are adding to our numbers all the time. At the anniversary of the introduction of our Order into the Islands we had a very pleasant reunion at the Lodge—an address, then supper and dancing. We had a good number of ladies present, and passed a very pleasant evening.

I hope and trust that a kind Providence will watch and guard over you and yours, and that you may be long spared to fulfil the high and responsible duties of your office, over which you have so long presided.

With kind regards to your good wife, whom I had the honor to meet in San Francisco,

I remain, my dear sir and brother, yours in F., L. and T.,

W. C. PARKE,

P. D. G. Sire for the Jurisdiction of the Islands.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

30th June, 1871; Baltimore.

W. C. PARKE, Esq.,

D. D. G. Sire, I. O. O. F., Jurisdiction of Sandwich Islands:

MY DEAR BROTHER: Your letter, introducing Bro. CHAS. R. BISHOP, Past Grand of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, is received. I am rejoiced to hear from one so long and so favorably remembered in the bonds of our beloved Order. It will be the source of the highest pleasure to receive Bro. BISHOP, and to extend to him appropriate civilities and fraternities, and to contribute every way within my power to render his sojourn, and that of his estimable lady, in our city, pleasant and agreeable. I trust that they will reach Baltimore previous to the third Monday in September, as at that time I shall be absent at the Annual Session in Chicago. The prosperous state of the Order with you is highly gratifying.

With sentiments of the highest regard, your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

GERMAN CORRESPONDENCE.

Stuttgart, February 10th, 1871.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

R. W. G. S. of the R. W. G. L., I. O. O. F., U. S.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Permit me to introduce to you hereby the humble writer of these lines, as the Noble Grand of Württemberg Lodge, No. 1, Stuttgart. The great honor and responsibility of this position, the first Noble Grand of the first Lodge of I. O. O. F. in Germany, was conferred upon me by R. W. S. D. G. S., J. F. MORSE, although I felt and declared myself neither worthy of it nor competent for it.

Our dear J. F. MORSE, has been for some time very ill, but the last news is, I am happy to state, quite encouraging. Let us hope to God he may soon recover entirely, and be able again to pursue the noble and glorious work he commenced with so much zeal and devotion. His letters to D. D. G. M. BERNHEIM or myself were during the last five weeks written by his little daughter, and dictated by him, as he was too sick to write himself.

Enclosed you will please find two packages, one containing four and the other six copies of our Photographic group. Be kind enough to distribute those four in accordance to their respective inscriptions. May they be welcome. The other package is intended to be sent to San Francisco, California. It contains three copies of our group for California Lodge, No. 1, Templar Lodge, No. 17, and Harmonic Lodge, No. 13, presented respectively to them by the Lodge in appreciation of R. W. S. D. G. S. MORSE, of Bro. F. B. AUSTIN and D. D. G. M. BERNHEIM, and three more copies for the three other German Lodges in San Francisco, presented by individual brothers, viz.: Bros. BERNHEIM, CHARLES MAYER and JOSEPH MAYER.

BRO. CHARLES MAYER being still a member of Harmonic Lodge, and since some time sojourning here, while Bro. JOSEPH MAYER is a P. G. of Harmonic Lodge, and is about to return to San Francisco during this Spring. By the request and direction of our S. D. G. S., MORSE, I take the liberty to beg you to please forward this package, with the six Photographs, to any of the above named Lodges, as soon as possible or convenient, for kind and respective distribution there.

BRO. KOHLHAS, of Hermann Lodge, Philadelphia, at present sojourning here, wishes to present M. R. MUCKLE, R. W. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with a group picture. (Bro. MUCKLE had given a letter of introduction and appeal to E. D. FARNSWORTH, P. G. Sire, and to Bro. AUSTIN, for said Bro. KOHLHAS.) He prays to be permitted to enclose the picture of Bro. MUCKLE, and to express his regret to give you additional trouble, thanking you sincerely.

Trusting this our request may meet with your approval, I thank you most sincerely in the name of our Lodge. Let me assure you of my interest, regards and most fraternal sentiments for you and our noble Order.

Yours, most truly,

OTTO SCHETTLE,

No. 17 Alleen Street.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

31st March, 1871: Baltimore.

TO OTTO SCHETTLE, ESQ.,

N. G. Württemberg Lodge, No. 1, Stuttgart:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your very gratifying favor of the 10th of February reached me in due course of mail: accompanying which I also had the pleasure to receive two packages, the one containing four and the other six copies of the Photographic group of the members of the Lodge and of Special Deputy Grand Sire MORSE and Bro. AUSTIN. The package of four was at once distributed in accordance with their respective inscriptions; the other package was sent same day to San Francisco to the care of Bro. T. RODGERS JOHNSON, R. W. Grand Secretary, and will beyond all doubt reach its destination in safety.

The copies presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, respectively, were at once handsomely framed, and the one now graces the walls of the office of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, where it will remain until formally received at the next session; the other finds its place in the private parlor of your humble servant, who asks leave to tender in all humility his profound acknowledgments for this distinguished compliment. It will be the pleasure and grateful duty of the M. W. Grand Sire and his associate Grand Officers to reciprocate this courtesy at an early moment. I have read your very interesting letter with great pleasure, and aided somewhat by the splendid photographic delineation of the membership of your Lodge, I have felt assured as well by the earnest intent and expressive countenances displayed, as by the eloquent words you utter, that Odd-Fellowship in the Fatherland has been committed to faithful and devoted brethren.

I cannot employ any language which will adequately convey to you the joy with which the intelligence reached the brethren in this country of the successful institution of Württemberg Lodge, No. 1, at Stuttgart; nor can I describe the degree of anxiety and general solicitude which prevailed soon after, when the news was received that Special Deputy Grand Sire MORSE was dangerously ill. Thanks to a kind Providence, that worthy and invaluable officer has been spared to continue his great work of benevolence and humanity. Your brethren on this side wish you God speed in the good cause, and rejoice in the auspicious promise which gilds the future of your career. The liberality of the government, the peculiar aptitude of your people for generous and humane impression, and the brave spirit of philanthropy which distinguishes the German character, superadded to the close

sympathy which exists between your countrymen and ours, inspires the belief in us that from Württemberg Lodge, No. 1, Odd-Fellowship will be diffused throughout Europe.

We shall watch your movements, and the onward progress therefrom, with great confidence, and shall ever hear of your growing prosperity with the highest pleasure. We shall be glad to receive from you, at all times, official and individual communications; and will esteem it a pleasure to be useful to you in any way in our power. It may be that some of our German brethren on a visit to Germany may be specially accredited by the Grand Sire to your fraternal courtesies, and others may desire to visit your Lodge with or without cards. It would be well in the latter case to place the Lodge under the protection of the general law, in which the D. G. Sire will specially instruct you. All our intercourse with your Lodge will be through that officer, and every wish you may have will be promptly gratified through the same channel. Be pleased to accept for yourself the assurances of fraternal regard, and to convey to the Lodge, in my behalf, my profound esteem and sincere prayer for its prosperity, and for the health and happiness of its membership.

Again returning my thanks for the splendid specimen of photographic art with which I have been the honored recipient, I beg to be

Very truly and fraternally yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

In behalf of Württemberg Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F.

We express our profoundest gratitude to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., and the Order generally, for the interest they have exhibited in establishing Odd-Fellowship in Germanic Europe. We also acknowledge, with special gratitude, the services of the Representative of the R. W. G. L. in Europe, Special Deputy Grand Sire J. F. MORSE, by whose conciliating, inspiring and organizing tact we have succeeded beyond our own expectations.

We hereby take the liberty to present the R. W. G. L. U. S., I. O. O. F., with a copy of our Photographic group; hoping, and sincerely wishing it may be received with fraternal feelings, and as a token of our highest esteem. In addition, we beg leave to state that this communication was against our wish and intention delayed, because the groups were not finished as soon as expected.

Stuttgart, Württemberg, Germany, December 15, 1870.

OTTO SCHGETTLE, N. G.
E. KLANPRECHT, V. G.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
31st March, 1871: Baltimore.

OTTO SCHGETTLE, N. G., AND E. KLANPRECHT, V. G.,

Württemberg Lodge, Stuttgart, Germany:

MY DEAR BRETHREN: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your official communication to the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., bearing date, Stuttgart, Württemberg, Germany, December 15th, 1870, expressive of the profound gratitude of Württemberg Lodge, No. 1, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and to the Order generally, for the interest taken in establishing Odd-Fellowship in Germanic Europe, and of your especial sense of obligation to the distinguished brother charged with this service, viz: Special Deputy Grand Sire Dr. JOHN F. MORSE, of the Jurisdiction of California. It will be my pleasure and duty to formally present this communication to the Grand Lodge, at its Annual Session in Chicago, State of Illinois, in September next, by which distinguished Body it will be appropriately received and acknowledged. Accompanying, I have also, with a pleasure difficult to express in language, to acknowledge the receipt of the splendid Photographic group, which you present to the Grand Lodge, representing the interesting scene displayed on the memorable occa-

sion of the institution of the first Lodge of Odd-Fellows of American parentage in Germanic Europe. This picture I have caused to be handsomely framed, and it now adorns the walls of this office, where it remains as a sacred historical memorial, to be cherished and transmitted from generation to generation. I shall also have the pleasure to bear this beautiful presentation to Chicago with me, that the Grand Lodge may witness its excellence as a work of art, and give proper expression to its sense of the honor conferred. Wishing Württemberg Lodge, No. 1, a career of solid prosperity, and each of the noble band which it counts in membership health and happiness,

I beg to be, in F., L. and T., your brother,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

GERMANIA LODGE, No. 1, OF PRUSSIA.
Berlin, May 6th, 1871.

JOHN F. MORSE,

S. D. G. Sire for Germanic States and Switzerland :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Pursuant to the wishes of the members of Germania Lodge, No. 1, whom we succeeded in getting together in time for a Photographic group, I desire to present to you herewith, on their behalf, a copy of the same, as a token of the high esteem in which you are held by every individual member, and also, through you, a copy to each of the following eminent brothers, respectively, viz: F. D. STUART, M. W. G. S.; JAMES L. RIDGELY, R. W. G. C. & R. S.; JOHN A. KENNEDY, P. G. S.; E. D. FARNSWORTH, P. G. S.; together with the additional copy, for the special use of the R. W. G. L. U. S.

In transmitting these you will confer a great favor by expressing to these distinguished parties the high sense of obligation and gratitude entertained by Germania Lodge, No. 1, for the honor conferred upon it in making it the pioneer of Odd-Fellowship in a country so well adapted to the development and maintenance of a vigorous growth of the fraternity. You will be good enough to assure them, at the same time, that the Lodge is entirely conscious of the great responsibility which rests upon it, and that we are fully convinced that more than the expectations of the Order at home will be realized in the future history of the Prussian Jurisdiction.

Allow me, in conclusion, to express to you personally the profound thanks of the Lodge, for your untiring efforts amidst extreme difficulties, to collect and organize element so well adapted to achieve the objects of your mission, and to assure you that your instructions will ever be scrupulously followed.

Accept our best wishes for your health and prosperity, and permit me to express the hope that we may, before you return to your distant home, be favored by a friendly visit from you, on which occasion we shall endeavor to prove that your labors have not been fruitless.

With kindest regards, I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,
HUGO WOLLHEIM, N. G.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
8th June, 1871: Baltimore.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, Esq.,

N. G. Germania Lodge, No. 1, of Prussia, I. O. O. F. :

MY DEAR BROTHER: Yours, dated Berlin, May 6th, 1871, addressed to Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, S. D. G. Sire for Germanic States and Switzerland, accompanied by five splendid Photographs in group of the membership of Germania Lodge, No. 1, as a presentation on the part of said Lodge to the parties named, has been received at this office, transmitted by Bro. MORSE, S. D. G. Sire. As C. & R. Secretary of the R. W. G. L. of the United States, to which Grand Body one of these Photographs is presented, it is proper that in acknowledging its receipt I should give expression to its high sense of appreciation, for this mark of your sincere spirit of fraternity. I shall have great pleasure in communicating officially your handsome letter to that distinguished body at its next approaching Annual Session, and you may be well assured of such proceedings on its part, in testimony of its ear-

nest sympathy with the introduction of Odd-Fellowship in the capital city of Prussia, as shall be alike worthy of the noble cause, and of the just claims of the constituency of Germania Lodge, No. 1, to its especial consideration. Please accept sentiments of my profound respect for yourself individually, and the expression of my best wishes for the prosperity of the Lodge. I shall take care to give prompt dispatch to the delivery as directed of the several Photographs received.

Yours, fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

THANKS TO THE GRAND SIRE.

PENSACOLA LODGE, No. 4, I. O. O. F.,
May 4, 1871.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

R. W. Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Baltimore :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : Enclosed I hand you minutes of a special meeting of the Lodge held on the evening 1st May, by which you will note we were favored with the presence of the Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, Brother FREDERIC D. STUART.

It would be impossible for me fully to express the pleasure this afforded us all. But I trust that the results will be shown by our Lodge becoming prominent in all works of our benevolent and fraternal Order. The visit has been a timely one ; it found us weak and in the first stage of our re-organization, but the spirit of enthusiasm, of fraternal feeling, it has elicited is so great, that I think it my duty to communicate it to you as the proper medium of our thanks to the Most Worthy Grand Sire, and the Right Worthy Grand Lodge. And our sister Lodge, Mechanics, No. 8, at Warrenton, fully participates in this feeling, and since the departure of the Grand Sire I have had requests from two other neighborhoods expressing the hope that a Lodge could be organized. Feeling well assured this will please you,

I remain yours fraternally,

L. M. MERRITT, *Noble Grand,*
Pensacola Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F.

PENSACOLA LODGE, No. 4, I. O. O. F.
May 1, 1871.

A special meeting of Pensacola Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., was held this evening, Bro. L. M. MERRITT, N. G., presiding.

At roll call the following officers were present : L. M. MERRITT, Noble Grand ; A. E. MAXWELL, Vice Grand ; W. E. ANDERSON, Treasurer, and acting Inside or Outside Guardian ; WM. MCK. ARTHING, Secretary ; B. C. WILLIS, Warden.

The following brothers from Mechanics Lodge, No. 8, of Warrenton, Florida, were present as visitors : JOHN S. BELL, Noble Grand ; JOHN FRAZIER, Vice Grand ; JOHN DAVENPORT, Secretary.

Also the following visiting brothers : Bro. T. C. QUAEI, Louisiana Lodge, No. 1 ; Bro. W. H. JOHNSON, Louisiana Lodge, No. 1 ; Bro. A. C. BLOUNT, Eureka Lodge, No. 7, Newbern, North Carolina ; Bro. CHARLES ELLIS, Autuga Lodge, No. 7, Prattville, Alabama ; Bro. J. MYERSON, Orleans Lodge, No. 11, New Orleans ; Bro. J. B. POWELL, Chicaw Lodge, No. 8, Alabama.

The reading of the minutes last meeting was dispensed with. The Lodge was then informed that the Most Worthy Grand Sire, FREDERIC D. STUART, of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, was in waiting and proposed visiting the Lodge by card, which was duly before the Lodge.

The Noble Grand appointed Vice Grand A. E. MAXWELL, Past Grand and Treasurer of the Lodge, W. E. ANDERSON and WM. MCK. ARTHING, Secretary of the Lodge, as a Committee to wait on and receive the Most Worthy Grand Sire, who after examination was introduced to the Lodge, receiving in proper form the honors of the Order.

The Lodge was then informed by the Noble Grand of the object of the

visit of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, and he was warmly welcomed by him, for the Lodge and for all the Brothers present.

The Most Worthy Grand Sire then proceeded to instruct and lecture the Lodge and brothers visiting as to the entire working of the Order from the Initiation to the 5th Degree "inclusive," and instructing in the most thorough and perfect manner the Noble Grands and Vice Grands present.

On close of the Lodge, on motion :

The thanks of the Lodge were extended to our Brother the Most Worthy Grand Sire, FREDERIC D. STUART, expressing the pleasure and profit which all the brothers present had received from his interesting lecture.

The Lodge closed in due form, in

F., L. T.

WM. MCK. ARTHING, *Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
9th May, 1871 · Baltimore.

L. M. MERRITT,

N. G. Pensacola Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F. :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : Yours of the 4th inst., communicating the proceedings of a special meeting of the Lodge held May 1st, expressing the pleasure which the visit of the M. W. Grand Sire had afforded the membership ; describing the good which in your judgment it will produce, rendering your sincere thanks to that distinguished officer for his valuable instructions and counsels, and your sense of obligation to the Grand Lodge of the United States for the honor and pleasure of the official visit, has been received, and will be laid before the Grand Sire and Grand Lodge. Cordially sympathizing with Pensacola Lodge in its auspicious hope for a bright and prosperous future, I have the honor to be your brother in

F., L. T.,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

THANKS TO M. W. GRAND SIRE.

OFFICE GRAND SCRIBE, GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF VERMONT,
Burlington, 24th of June, 1871.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : At the institution of the Grand Encampment of this State, at Rutland, on the 22d instant, the R. W. G. J. W., TIMOTHY VINTON, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

" *Resolved,* That the thanks of this Grand Encampment be and the same are hereby tendered to the M. W. Grand Sire, FREDERIC D. STUART, for the kindness and courtesy which he has extended to the members of the Order in this place, and for the able manner in which he has instituted this Grand Encampment."

His presence here was just what was wanted, as it has given a new impulse to the Order. The Encampment meeting, (Otter Creek, No. 7.) which we attended in the evening, I can truly say was one of the best meetings of Odd-Fellows that I ever attended. The M. W. Grand Sire instructed the candidate in a most able and beautiful manner, and the instructions there given were a benefit to us all. It was a meeting that will not soon be forgotten, and the wish of all was that we might soon meet again.

Yours in F., L. and T.

C. G. PETERSON, *Grand Scribe.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
29th June, 1871 : Baltimore.

C. G. PETERSON,

R. W. Grand Scribe Grand Encampment of Vermont :

WORTHY PATRIARCH : Yours of the 24th instant, communicating the resolutions unanimously adopted by the Grand Encampment of Vermont in

appreciation of the fraternal presence of the M. W. Grand Sire in your Jurisdiction for the purpose of instituting said Encampment, and also of specially instructing the Patriarchs in the work, has been received. It will be my great pleasure to present them to the Grand Lodge of the United States at the approaching Annual Session. Sincerely congratulating the brotherhood of Vermont upon the acquisition of a Grand Encampment in their midst, I beg to be,

Fraternally yours,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

AUSTRALIAN CORRESPONDENCE.

A. I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. of Victoria.
Geelong, February 11th, 1871.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., *Baltimore* :

SIR AND BROTHER : I have been directed to again communicate with you in relation to the age of initiates, (21 years,) and to request that you will bring this subject before your next Annual Meeting. Mine of the 8th November, 1869, informed you of the great disadvantage at which we are placed by this restriction, and in addition to my then remarks I have further to remark that the amalgamation of the South Australian portion of the old Order is fatally arrested, the law of that colony recognizing males of eighteen as of full age. Trusting that your Grand Lodge, with the view of advancing the prosperity of this Jurisdiction, will favorably entertain this request,

I have the honor to remain fraternally yours,
J. W. SHARP, *Grand Secretary.*

A. I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. of Victoria.
Geelong, February 18th, 1871.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., *Baltimore* :

SIR AND BROTHER : At the late meeting of the Grand Lodge, that portion of our Charter relating to the admission only of "free white males," was again brought prominently forward, and I have been directed to communicate with you with the view of obtaining a remission of that clause so far as regards this Jurisdiction.

I need not here reiterate the arguments that were used here for this request, as they are already well known to you, but it can not but be regarded as an anomaly that a society professing universal benevolence and charity, who acknowledge in their Lodges all men as equal, and who daily there pray that one law shall bind in a universal brotherhood *all* nations, tongues, and kindreds of the earth, should draw a line in relation to one part of the great human family. Trusting that this may meet the earnest attention of your R. W. Grand Lodge,

I have the honor to remain fraternally yours,
J. W. SHARP, *Grand Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
5th June, 1871: *Baltimore.*

J. W. SHARP,
R. W. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Victoria, I. O. O. F.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : Yours of Feb'y 18th and 19th, 1871, posted March 27th, 1871, at Geelong, is just received. This is the first communication which I received from you during the year, and has in some degree relieved me of anxiety and suspense touching the condition of our Order in your Jurisdiction. The Grand Sire has written to Bro. HENRY VINE, D. D. Grand Sire, on one or more occasions without reply, and has been greatly exercised on the subject. I trust that the failure on your part to communi-

cate with us has not originated from any dissatisfaction on account of the declension of the last Grand Lodge of the United States to accede to your request in relation to the terms of your Grand Charter. The truth is the subject is one of grave difficulty. The Grand Lodge of the United States has gradually and imperceptibly, as it were, adopted the fixed policy of propagandism without having considered in that connection, with due deliberation, the practical question inseparable from it, of local administration, or of governmental relation between the Grand Bodies established by its authority in foreign countries and itself. Hence, and until the general subject is disposed of, it does not seem proper to consider isolated or detached questions growing out of it. I have no doubt but that definite legislation will be had to settle this important subject to the entire satisfaction of all the interests involved. Meanwhile I shall have very great pleasure in submitting the official communication of the Grand Lodge of Victoria touching a modification of the charter of said Grand Lodge in relation to the words "Free white males:" and also, in relation to the age of applicants for membership. It is a source of sincere regret that through the restrictions referred to, your prosperity should have been checked, and you may rest assured that no ordinary reason will interpose to the gratification of your wish in this regard, if in yielding assent thereto the Grand Lodge of the United States may do so consistently with the common general good of the Order.

With sincere regard, I have the honor to be fraternally yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH F. S. OSTHEIM, P. G. REP.

Iserlohn, June 8, 1871.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec., Grand Lodge United States:

MY MOST BELOVED SIR AND BROTHER: Your letter of May the 4th is before me. In answering the same I fully indorse your views. As the progress of the Order in Germany is very important, for compiling its accurate statistics I enclose herewith the original of a letter I received from the Recording Secretary of Germania Lodge, No: 1. I translated the same, and it is gratifying, indeed, that a mere handful of sympathetic Brothers succeeded to convert, in a comparatively short time, so many proselytes to our Order.

Yours in the fraternal bonds of F., L. and T., affectionately,

F. S. OSTHEIM,
Iserlohn, Westphalia, Prussia.

(Translated from the German.)

Berlin, June 5, 1871.

MR. F. S. OSTHEIM, *in Iserlohn:*

DEAR FRIEND: I was not enabled to answer your lines previously, as I just returned from a trip which consumed a fortnight. It gives me pleasure to inform you that I presented your letter to the Lodge. Your document, after being read, met a general enthusiasm and applause, and I was ordered to express to you the profoundest gratitude for the great interest you take in behalf of Germania Lodge, No. 1; we number now fifty-three members, and have instituted already an Encampment with twenty-two Patriarchs. There is no doubt left, the Order will assume large dimensions in this section of the country. Five brothers intend going to Dresden to-morrow for the purpose of installing (meaning instituting, I believe,) the Lodge at that place. Dr. MORSE has been here again, and we were already honored by several German-Americans as visitors. Accept once more best thanks for your kind sentiments, which will always be reciprocated. With cordial regards, and in the anticipation of your perfect health, I hope you will soon favor with an answer

Your sincere friend and brother,

JULIUS MARQUENIR, *Secretary.*

Iserlohn, May 17th, 1871.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., *Baltimore:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Referring to my letter of April 15th, I received since yours of April 3d. In reply to your favor, I may be permitted to state that the Germanic States are of such a large periphery that it appears not to be amiss to appoint several Special Deputies, who are, as a matter of course, acquainted with the customs, manners, and the language of the nation. While I, for my part, abstain from any aspirations whatever, and while I deem it an ample reward and qualification to serve our sacred cause, whenever I am called upon to do so, I can not avoid suggesting to you the most stringent necessity to select several able brothers, and furnish them with proper authority to act for the above purpose.

There is no doubt that every obstacle must soon yield before the energy of combined exertions, even where they seem insurmountable, and to conceal this truth from you would bar my heart against conviction. There are occasions which call forth a display of all the physical, moral, and mental powers, and this occasion presents itself if we propose to extend the Order in Germany beyond a few solitary Lodges. Bro. MORSE has done a great deal, and he deserves all credit for it for commencing this side of the Atlantic the rock of Odd-Fellowship; while through his medium two Lodges are already established. But if this rock shall catch the clouds of heaven, if we want to disseminate our principles and carry out the countless blessings of our Order among the people, we must employ combined forces.

I did not receive a single line yet from Bro. MORSE from Germany since I left Berlin. I am quite at a loss how to comprehend this; trust, however, that he may not be prevented from writing by any indisposition. While I do not require nor deserve any gratitude for doing any good action, I longed at least after some intelligence from our worthy brother as to the prospects of his efforts.

The Noble Grand of Germania Lodge, No. 1, wrote to me May the 10th, a complimentary letter, thanking me in behalf of the Lodge for the assistance I devoted to its establishment, stating that pursuant to the wishes of the members a Photographic group of the charter members would be transmitted to me. I admired the beautiful imprint of the seal. May Germania watch over our Order as she watches over the Rhine—not, however, with the sword, but with the enchanting *Aegis* of Friendship, Love and Truth.

I can not conclude before requesting you to accept the most cordial regards of

Yours, fraternally,

F. S. OSTHEIM.

P. S.—Will you be kind enough to mail to my address a copy of the new Digest?

F. S. OSTHEIM,

(*In Iserlohn, Westphalia, Germany.*)

PROCEEDINGS ON DEATH OF J. L. HAUPT, P. G. REP.

ODD-FELLOWS' HALL,
Savannah, Georgia, November 15th, 1871.

TO JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge, U. S., Baltimore, Md.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to communicate to you the following: At a meeting of all the Lodges and Encampments of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of Savannah, held at the Odd-Fellows' Hall this evening, to hear the report of a committee appointed at a previous meeting to draft resolutions on the death of Past Grand Master JAMES L. HAUPT, Deputy Grand Master DAVID BAILY was called to the chair, and Past Grand THOMAS A. ASKEW, of Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, appointed Secretary. Vice Grand J. R. SAUSSEY, of De Kalb Lodge, No. 9, Chairman of the Committee, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted:

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

"Men appear and disappear from the stage of life, as wave meets wave and parts upon the troubled waters." But ever and anon some created billow traversing over the tumultuous tide breaks and dies upon the shore, and ever and anon some man, prominent amongst his fellows, goes down to rise no more.

One whose lips have echoed the tone of timely warning or encouraging praise in inculcating the grand but simple truths of our Order, is now forever silent in the cold and cheerless house of the dead.

In the Providence of God, we mourn the loss of our departed friend and brother, Past Grand Master JAMES L. HAUPT, prominent not only in the Order, but in the community. He has gone to his rest full of honors and full of years.

As an Odd-Fellow, from the lowest to the highest office in the Order in this State, he filled each and every position with credit to himself and profit to the Institution. By his life he demonstrated the power of an indomitable will over a diseased and enfeebled body.

The force of his example should not be lost on us, although he has passed away forever from our sight; the recollection of his devotion to duty, his love for Odd-Fellowship, his steadfast and inflexible purpose, and desire to promote the success and advancement of our noble Order, should linger long with us, even as the Western evening light reflects the departed glories of the setting sun.

We are called together to do honor to his memory, and to pay that tribute of respect which his recognized merit claims from appreciating and sorrowing friends.

The United Lodges of Savannah in convention assembled have therefore:

1. *Resolved*, That in the death of Past Grand Master JAMES L. HAUPT, the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows has sustained the loss of a most devoted and active member, a bright and efficient officer, and a warm and faithful advocate.

2. *Resolved*, That as individuals, we mourn the loss of one whose stern integrity, unswerving fidelity and sincere friendship challenged our admiration and won our highest esteem.

3. *Resolved*, That we tender to his bereaved family our sympathies and the kindly offices of our Order, and commend them to the merciful care of Him who tempereth the wind to the shorn lamb.

4. *Resolved*, That the several Lodges and the Encampment of this city be requested to dedicate a page of their minute book to the memory of our deceased brother.

5. *Resolved*, That the associated Board of Trustees be requested to have erected in the Lodge room, a tablet, suitably inscribed, commemorative of the services of our deceased brother.

6. *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to each of the Lodges in this city; to Magnolia Encampment; to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State of Georgia, and to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

7. *Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the "American Odd-Fellow," the "Odd-Fellows' Companion," and the "Heart and Hand," with the request that they publish, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

Yours, in F., L. and T.,

THOMAS A. ASKEW, *Secretary*.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

December 4, 1870: Baltimore.

THOMAS A. ASKEW, *Secretary*:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of November 15th, communicating the proceedings of the Lodges and Encampments of Savannah, Georgia, on the death of Bro. JAS. L. HAUPT, P. G. Representative, has been received. I

shall esteem it quite a sad duty to present these proceedings to the Grand Lodge of the United States, mindful, as I am, of the great loss which the Order has sustained by the death of so earnest and zealous an Odd-Fellow.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

THE ORDER IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Lima, Peru, December 19, 1870.

*The R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge U. S., I. O. O. F.,
Baltimore, Maryland:*

SIR AND BROTHER: Annexed I beg leave to hand you a petition for Warrant to open a Subordinate Lodge in this city, accompanying the necessary Withdrawal Cards (5) of resident brothers of the Order, and draft No. 1489, date 19th inst., by London Bank of Alex & Co., S. A., on Messrs. DUNCAN, SHERMAN & Co., of New York, for amount of Charter fees, \$30.00 (thirty dollars) in gold; which I presume will cover also incidental expenses of postage, etc., but if not, will forward any deficit by first opportunity.

I, speaking also for the brethren, am convinced that the establishment of a Lodge in this Republic will be conducive to the best interests of the Order, and would feel grateful to you to exert your valuable influence to enable us to carry our intentions into effect.

I am, dear sir, fraternally yours, in F., L. and T.,

N. HURWITZ.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

31 January, 1871: Baltimore.

LEWIS SOHER, Esq.,

Past Grand Patriarch:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I am directed by the M. W. Grand Sire to correspond with you, with a view to consult your willingness to serve our beloved Order in a most important mission.

An application has been received from several Odd-Fellows, domiciled at Lima, South America, for authority to institute at that city a Lodge of Odd-Fellows. The petition is in due form of law, the applicants qualified, the Charter fee, \$30.00, is at hand, and in all respects our laws are complied with.

Several influential considerations interpose themselves in the opinion of the Grand Sire, which suggest more than ordinary circumspection in disposing of this application. He participates with the general sentiment of the Brotherhood, in favor of propagating our Order to foreign countries, but is admonished that it would be scarcely worth the while to attempt to diffuse it among a people who are fundamentally hostile to its existence. True, there might be in such communities many highly intelligent citizens of our land, and of European countries, brought there in pursuit of commerce, among whom Odd-Fellowship would be appreciated, and to whom it would afford alike pleasure and advantage; yet if it was to be confined to such limit, and no probability existed of its general diffusion in the country, by reason of the antagonism of the laws and the religious prejudices of the people, the Grand Sire does not consider that it would be proper to extend Odd-Fellowship in such direction. At this distance he is not advised as to the real state of civilization in Lima, or as to the character of the population, or the extent to which the religious ignorance and intolerant prejudices of the country prevail. Judging, however, from the intense Roman Catholicism in its very worst form, which characterizes nearly all Spanish communities, the Grand Sire declines authorizing the Warrant prayed for, and fraternally submits to you, meanwhile, the invitation to accept from him a Special Commission to act for the Grand Lodge of the United States in the premises.

To open a correspondence with NATASIVS HURWITZ, Esq., of Lima, Peru, with a view to the following information:

Whether the expense of a Special Commissioner from San Francisco to Lima, charged with authority to institute a Lodge of Odd-Fellows at Lima and return, would be borne by the applicants?

What security or protection would such Lodge have from the government and laws of the country? What probability of the general diffusion of the Order in Peru, and the general intelligence and degree of civilization prevailing?

What the average population of Americans and Europeans in Lima, and what proportion of the population would probably unite with the Order?

If the parties are willing to incur the expense of a Special Commissioner, what inducement, if any, other than his services as such Commissioner, would any brother from the United States have to invite a journey to Lima; in other words, is it a desirable place for business, a healthy climate, and a live community?

It is unnecessary for me to add that should you consent to assume the position to which you are hereby invited, it will afford the Grand Side the greatest pleasure, in view of his confidence in your zeal, ability and devotion as an Odd-Fellow. An early reply is respectfully asked.

Yours, very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

San Francisco, February 13, 1871.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, Baltimore:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your esteemed letter of the 31st ult., consulting my willingness to serve our beloved Order in the important mission proposed to Lima, Peru, came to hand. In answer, I beg to say that nothing would afford me more pleasure than to be useful in this regard or in any other capacity in which the Order should require my services. At the present time I could not promise, should the correspondence be brought to a favorable termination, to be able to leave for South America, from the fact that business and other matters would not permit me to leave or be absent for the length of time it would take to successfully establish the Order as it should be done in that far distant country.

I will, however, accept the Commission at present, if desired, and open a correspondence with NATASIUS HURWITZ, Esq., of Lima, and endeavor to get the information you suggested. I also think I can obtain information from persons not connected with the Order, regarding the security and protection secret institutions are likely to have from the Government and the laws of the country; when such information is received, it will be transmitted to you, as in my opinion an important matter like this should be well considered. I have written to Past Grand DIEHL, at Salt Lake City, to give some information regarding Bro. NATASIUS HURWITZ, who was formerly a member of Utah Lodge, No. 1, and is one of the petitioners; he will answer it and give the true character of the brother, and the part he has taken in the Order while there. Hoping that everything will prove favorable, and that the Order may increase and spread throughout the civilized world,

With best wishes, I remain, fraternally yours,

LEWIS SOHER.

San Francisco, February 25th, 1871.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

G. R. and C. S., Baltimore:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I take pleasure to inform you that since I have written you of my acceptance of the Commission to open a correspondence with NATASIUS HURWITZ, Esq., of Lima, I have availed myself of the first opportunity to write that gentleman by the steamer which left here for Panama on the 18th instant, a copy of which I herewith transmit.

I have conversed with several gentlemen who have been in Lima and other cities of South America, and are somewhat familiar with the habits of the people and customs of the country. All agree that although the Catholic religion predominates in that country, they do not have such religious prejudices as the Catholics of Europe and the United States. They are liberal in

their views, and the priests participate with the people in the amusements, plays and pastimes of the country. I am also informed that the Masonic Fraternity have Lodges in Lima and other cities.

I have the promise of an introduction to a gentleman who was a delegate from Peru to the Grand Lodge of Masons in this city, from whom satisfactory intelligence on all points desired will be had.

On the morning of the sailing of the steamer, Bro. JAS. PASCOE, P. G., formerly of Virginia City, Nevada, but of late a member of San Diego Lodge, No. 153, of this State, and a particular friend, called on me, informing me that he was on his way to Lima. I gave Bro. PASCOE a duplicate letter to Bro. HURWITZ, and he promised to give me all the information in his power regarding the intended establishment of the Order in Lima and other places in Peru. So soon as letters are received from either of the above-named brothers, they will be forwarded to you without delay. The answers to our communications from Harmony Lodge, No. 13, El Dorado, No. 8, and Utah Lodge, No. 1, regarding the standing and character of the petitioners, are favorable. I have also ascertained that the probable cost of the journey from here to Lima and return will not fall short of \$700.

Should I have the pleasure of the introduction promised, and derive further information on the subject, I will immediately transmit the same to you. With the hope of ultimate success, best wishes for your health, and kind regards to Mrs. R.,

I remain yours, very truly,

LEWIS SOHER.

San Francisco, February 15th, 1871.

NATASIVS HURWITZ, Esq., *Lima, Peru*:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have received a letter from JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., G. C. and R. Secretary of the Grand Lodge United States, informing me that the Grand Sire commissioned me to correspond with you regarding the organization of a Lodge of the I. O. O. F., at Lima, South America. He also informs me that the Petition, Cards and Charter fee, \$30, have been received in due form, and in all respects the law complied with. Inasmuch as it is the imperative duty of the M. W. G. Sire to exercise great caution in propagating the Order into foreign countries, when acting upon his individual responsibility and in the absence of legislation specially authorizing it, I am directed to submit to you some preliminary inquiries, with a view to important information desired in the premises. For this reason I am addressing this letter to you, and you will at once see the necessity of answering the following questions fully and freely, as on the answers will depend the granting of the Charter applied for.

First. What security or protection would Lodges of Odd-Fellows have from the government and laws of the country? What is the average number of Europeans and Americans in Lima, and what proportion of this population would be likely to unite with the Order? What is the probability of a general diffusion of the Order in Peru, if once organized?

Second. Whether the expense of a Special Commissioner from San Francisco or the Eastern States to Lima, charged with authority to establish a Lodge of Odd-Fellows at Lima, and return, would be borne by the applicants?

If you are willing to incur the expense of a Special Commissioner, would there be any inducement for a brother from the United States to invite his journey to Lima, to settle among you in commercial or mercantile pursuits, or to follow his trade or profession?

I trust you will not consider the last question as being governed by mercenary motives, for even if you should agree to pay the expense of the person specially commissioned with the authority to institute a Lodge in your city, you could not compensate him for the loss of time it will take him, going and coming, besides the time spent with you in giving instruction in the work. I hope the explanation will be satisfactory. Please answer at your earliest convenience, at the same time inform me whether the Lodge

esires to work in the English or German language. Expecting to hear
om you by return steamer,

I remain, very truly, yours,

LEWIS SOHER.

P. S. Should the Commissioner take Lecture and Charge Book and other
raphernalia with him, could he get them through without undergoing an
amination, and have them overhauled by the Custom House?

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
5th March, 1871: Baltimore.

LEWIS SOHER, Esq., P. G. P.,
Special Commissioner:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 25th ultimo is received. The
Grand Sire directs that I return to you his heartfelt acknowledgment for
our prompt, very intelligent, and zealous discharge of the highly import-
ant trust committed to you relating to the propriety of introducing our Order
to Peru, South America.

The course pursued by you, marked as it has been with a just conception
of your office, and with the promise of satisfactory light on the subject, has
given the Grand Sire great pleasure, and he looks forward to your further
correspondence with sanguine expectation. Accept my warmest personal
regards.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

LIMA, Peru, March 21, 1871.

LEWIS SOHER, Esq., *San Francisco, California:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of February 15th has been duly re-
ceived, also duplicate favored by P. G. Bro. JAS. PASCOE, and in answer I
proceed to answer categorically the questions therein contained.

To the first. Peru offers every security to persons and property; the gov-
ernment does not protect (nor molest) corporate bodies of whatever denomi-
nation. There are about ten Masonic Lodges in active operation in Lima
and Callao.

To the Second. It is difficult to quote the approximate foreign population
which consists chiefly of English, Americans, Germans, French, and Italian
residents; of the two first mentioned, there are sufficient to support a first-
class English periodical. The Order once established and its principles
known, would probably flourish at least in an equal degree with the Masonic.
The bulk of the people are highly civilized, the better class speaking two or
three languages.

To the third. Taking into consideration the inevitable outlay in establish-
ing the proposed Lodge, which will have to be borne in the outset by a
limited number of brethren, it will be impossible for these to incur the addi-
tional charge of a special commissioner and so expensive a journey.

To the fourth. The climate is healthy. Business fair. A considerable
amount of foreign emigration exists. Amongst other public works there are
thirty-four railways in course of construction.

To the remaining clauses of your favor, I reply that our intention was to
work in the English language, and to your postscript, the books, etc., can
be sent per post, and would not be tampered with.

We regret excessively the delay that has occurred in the grant of the
Charter applied for, fully appreciating the motives by which it has been
caused; as we believe that we are justified in entertaining the hope that the
I. O. O. F. would prosper and rainificate itself through these Republics to
their lasting benefit.

I remain, dear sir and brother, fraternally yours, in F., L. and T.

N. HURWITZ.

San Francisco, May 1st, 1871.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

Baltimore:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yesterday I received the enclosed letter from Brother JAMES PASCOE who left here on same steamer by which the first letter was sent to Bro. HURWITZ, and from its tenor I am not as highly impressed with the prospect of as great an extension of the Order in Peru if established there as I expected. I have no doubt that one good Lodge could be established and sustained in Lima at present, and perhaps in the course of a short time three or four more Lodges could be instituted and prosper in Peru: whether this would justify the Grand Lodge United States to give its sanction to extend Odd-Fellowship in that direction is for the Grand Sire to determine; if we were sure of a large American, and particularly California emigration to Peru, I would not hesitate one moment to recommend, and in fact urge, the granting of a Charter because I know they are a go-ahead people.

You will see by Brother HURWITZ's letter, and also by Brother PASCOE's, that they can not pay the expense of a special officer to take the trip from here.

You will pardon this hasty letter; we are very busy getting ready for the Session of the Grand Lodge to assemble at Sacramento. Hoping to hear from you soon, be assured that anything I can do to promote the welfare of the Order here or elsewhere, will be attended to cheerfully, and with pleasure, and with best wishes for your health and long life, I remain

Yours very truly,

LEWIS SOHER.

Lima, March 27, 1871.

LEWIS SOHER, Esq.,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In fulfilment of my promise, I proceed to give you my ideas about the establishment of a Lodge of Independent Order Odd-Fellows in this place. At first sight the prospect for a rapid increase of membership does not seem favorable, though there are at present several thousand foreigners in and around Lima. You hear but little about Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, from the very fact that there is no place for the members of the Order to meet and become acquainted with each other.

The millions of money being spent in railroad building in this country (solely for the purpose of developing the interior) will give you some little idea of the liberal policy of the present Government, and a glance at any map of the country east of the Andes, that will be opened and brought into direct communication with the coast by the completion of these roads, will show you that there must be a big tide of emigration to this country, and that too at no very distant day. Among other things the completion of some of the roads now building will open one of the richest and most extensive silver mining districts ever known to the world. It must be borne in mind that this is only a foreshadowing of what *may be* expected in the country, and the very short time that I have been here will not enable me to go fully into details. The policy of the present Government is to be liberal towards anything that may tend to bring an energetic class of population into the country.

The fact of there being eight or ten Masonic Lodges in operation in this immediate neighborhood, will show you that secret organizations, if not openly countenanced by the Government, at least are not molested or interfered with.

The question of stability of Government is one upon which I can give you no reliable information. In times gone by the people have been prone to revolution, perhaps because they had nothing else to occupy their attention; the country is now in the enjoyment of the longest uninterrupted peace that they have been blessed with for some time, and the expenditure of something like a hundred million of dollars for internal improvements would seem to indicate that the people have enough to do with their hands to keep revolution out of their heads.

All things taken into consideration, I think the prospects are reasonably favorable for the establishment of a Lodge in this place. It is highly prob-

able that I shall be here for some time to come, at least, if not in Lima, within easy reach of it, and shall keep myself in standing as a member of San Diego Lodge. You are aware of my standing in the Order, and I would respectfully suggest that you may command my services to the full extent of my ability.

Brother HURWITZ had received your letter per mail when I presented mine, and answered it.

Everything for the use of the engineers and railroad is free from inspection of the custom officers. I shall be employed upon some one or other of the roads as engineer, and any package addressed to me as civil engineer, care of JOHN NEIGO, Esq., Lima, would come through without any trouble. Two or three small packages would be better than one large one. The best way to send would be by Wells, Fargo & Co's Express to Panama, to be transferred to the care of the purser of the Peruvian Steamer. Panama is a free port.

I understand no arrangement has been made for Regalia; if the Lodge is organized they will want a *cheap* set, and to save delay in the matter, if you send them to my care I will strictly comply with whatever instructions may accompany and to payment, etc. A good * * * can be procured here very cheap and without exciting any comment.

Yours, very respectfully, in F., L. and T.,
JAMES PASCOE.

— I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
9th May, 1871: Baltimore.

DR. LEWIS SOHER, P. G. P.:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your very interesting favor, accompanied by the communication of Bro. PASCOE, dated Lima, 27th March, 1871, is this moment received. After my sincere thanks to you for your very kind and prompt attention to the special service committed to your charge in the interest of our Order, I have to express my sincere regret that this subject must be longer delayed in its proper solution. The Grand Sire is at present abroad upon an extended official tour, and his return to his home is somewhat uncertain. I would not hesitate a moment in issuing the Charter from the information which you have furnished, which to my mind is highly satisfactory. The executive power, under our laws, in such cases resides in the Grand Sire. I have no doubt, however, of his concurrence in my views in the premises, and that he will authorize the issuance of the Charter. Meanwhile, as sufficient time will elapse before his return, I beg to advise with you upon several points of detail. No name appears to have been selected. Shall I transmit the Warrant to your charge, accompanied by an order upon Grand Secretary JOHNSON, for the necessary books? Shall I commission Bro. PASCOE as Special Deputy to institute the Lodge? Will you make the proper inquiry concerning Regalia, and advise him? Would it not be better in this pioneer movement, to prepare for them a formal Charter instead of an ordinary Warrant? My advices from Dr. MORSE, recently, have in a great measure overcome my scruples and fears about introducing Odd-Fellowship in Catholic countries. His experience is quite favorable in that direction. It appears that the hostility in such countries in Europe and South America to secret societies, is nominal and very different from its bitter character in the United States. Please advise me on these points at an early moment, and take all necessary steps ancillary to the institution of this Lodge. Our skies are bright in Germanic Europe. In a little while we shall have a Lodge at Stuttgart and one at Berlin.

Yours, fraternally,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

San Francisco, May 23d, 1871.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 7th instant reached me just in time to enable me to write a few lines to Bro. PASCOE as the steamer sailed

on the same morning, stating to him the cause of delay; I also requested him to answer me forthwith the following questions:

What name do they intend to call the Lodge if Dispensation is granted? What kind of a hall have they in view to hold meetings in? How long Bro. PASCOE intends to remain in Lima, or in the neighborhood, should a Commission be sent him to be on hand to institute the Lodge? also, what Regalia and other articles they will need?

You wish me to give my opinion which would be best, the issuance of a Charter or Warrant? I would advise the Warrant at present, with name of the Lodge blank; also, a blank Commission to be filled out here to Bro. JAS. PASCOE if a favorable answer is received, or any one else if he should be absent, and some one else may leave here who is competent to do and exemplify the work, provided you can trust the above documents to my care and judgment.

As regards the books and all necessary blanks, they will be furnished by Grand Secretary JOHNSON. I will have everything ready to send off, as soon as I have a favorable answer, for the furnishing and institution of the Lodge. With best wishes,

I remain yours, very truly,

LEWIS SOHER.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

R. W. G. L. U. S.

24th June, 1871 : Baltimore.

DR. LEWIS SOHER.

Special Commissioner :

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : Yours of the 23d of May, communicating important information touching the introduction of Odd-Fellowship to Lima, Peru, has been received, and in conformity with your very judicious suggestion, I am directed by the Grand Sire to transmit to you a warrant for—Lodge, No. 1, to be located at Lima, Peru, and a blank Commission to be filled up in your discretion with a Special Deputy Grand Sire or Commissioner to institute the body. Your high standing and general intelligence render further instructions entirely unnecessary, and to your judgment the entire subject is confidently committed by the M. W. Grand Sire.

Should you be so fortunate as to carry into effect fully the institution of the Lodge anterior to the approaching Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, it would be highly gratifying to receive your official report.

Allow me to convey to you the Grand Sire's sincere acknowledgments for your valuable aid in this behalf, and to add the expression of my individual regard and esteem.

Yours, very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

In your correspondence with N. HURWITZ, of Lima, please say that I have paid his gold draft for \$30 into the treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States this day, being for Charter fee, having only felt authorized to do so upon issuing the Warrant.

San Francisco, July 17, 1871

JAMES L. RIDGELY, ESQ. :

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : Yours of the 24th ult., with blank Dispensation and Commission, have been received some two weeks ago, and I ought to have acknowledged the receipt of them before, but being in expectation of letters from Peru, have deferred writing to you until I heard from Bro. PASCOE. I am sorry to say that to this date I have not received the expected letter, but have heard from him indirectly. On Saturday afternoon Bro. PASCOE's father called to see me, and permitted me to read a letter just received from him, in which he informed him that he is at present superintending the Rail Road Bridge at Arequipa, and expects to remain in Peru. I have again written to P. G. PASCOE, and also to N. HURWITZ, Esq. (the steamer sails this morning.) This time directed the letter to Bro. PASCOE,

Arequipa, according to the directions given to his father. In that letter I gave him instructions to consult with Bro. HURWITZ. I have done this so that should anything have transpired that they may be prepared without delay when the books and papers reach them. Everything required will be furnished them by Bro. JOHNSON, and nothing will be sent until I get full direction, and assurance of the safe delivery. I am sorry that I will not be able to carry into effect the institution of the Lodge anterior to the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, from the fact that it takes three months, or near it, to get an answer to a letter from Peru. Consequently should the Books of Lectures, Dispensations, etc., leave here on the 1st of August, I could not have an answer before the first or middle of November. The moment a letter reaches me from either Bros. PASCOE or HURWITZ I will send it to you.

Hoping that the Commission intrusted to me may soon come to a successful termination, with best wishes and kind regards to the Grand Sire and yourself, I remain

Very truly yours,

LEWIS SOHER.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
25th July, 1871 : Baltimore.

LEWIS SOHER, Esq., P. G. P.,
Special Commissioner :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 17th inst., acknowledging my favor of 24th June, transmitting to you proper documents for the institution of a Subordinate under this Jurisdiction at Lima, Peru, South America, has been received. Your official line of action in the premises has the entire approval of the M. W. Grand Sire, and the promptitude and interest displayed by you in the execution of the important duties of this commission, not only assure him of the ultimate success which awaits the movement, but demands his acknowledgments for your valuable service to the Order at large.

With sincere respect, believe me to be very truly yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the Report was referred to the same Committee to which was referred the Grand Sire's Report.

The Grand Treasurer announced that his Report would be made so soon as the Grand Secretary's receipts were closed, which would probably be to-morrow.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees :

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. STOKES, of Pennsylvania ; LATHAM, of Virginia ; GLENN, of Georgia ; COX, of Maryland ; DOWDEN, of Kentucky ; EARL, of Ohio ; McLAREN, of California ; WISE, of Missouri ; GIVEN, of District of Columbia ; FOULK, of Delaware.

Judiciary Committee.—Reps. FITZHUGH, of Virginia ; WHITE, of New York ; KENNEDY, P. G. S. ; SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania ; TRAPP, of Kentucky ; BARROWS, of Mississippi ; PIERCE, of Indiana ; RAWLINGS, of Maryland ; STAFFORD, of Texas.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. GAREY, of Maryland ; HARMON, of California ; RACE, P. G. Sire ; CARTER, of Ohio ; MEDOLE, of New York ; DURYEA, of South Carolina ; WOODYATT, of Ontario ; COHEN, of Arkansas ; PRICE, of Missouri.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. PORTER, of Massachusetts ; CURRY, of Ken-

tucky; VEITCH, P. G. Sire; MARIS, of Delaware; MEYER, of South Carolina; WHITTEN, of Maine; MATHESON, of British Province; DODGE, of Rhode Island; WILLIAMS, of Alabama.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. DURHAM, of Kentucky; LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania; SANDERS, P. G. Sire; LEECH, of Iowa; SMITH, of North Carolina; PERKINS, of Massachusetts; ALEXANDER, of Illinois; SPEAR, of Maryland; BIRCHETT, of Mississippi.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. PORTER, of California; ARCHER, of Missouri; NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire; COLTON, of Maine; DEAN, of Michigan; LAMPHEAR, of Wisconsin; TOWL, of Oregon.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. CUNNINGHAM, of Connecticut; RAND, of Massachusetts; ROBINSON, of Virginia; FLETCHER, of New Hampshire; MORSE, of California; DAMON, of Florida; MCCARTY, of Kansas.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. HAMILTON, of New York; WROTH, of New Jersey; UNDERWOOD, of Indiana; ELLIS, of Illinois; SMITH, of Connecticut; HUDSON, of Wisconsin; WILLIAMS, of Minnesota.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. ROSS, of New Jersey; BARBER, of Mississippi; FARNSWORTH, P. G. Sire; MANGHAM, of Georgia; CLARK, of Vermont; CANNIFF, of Kansas; ADKISON, of Nevada.

Committee on Grand Bodies Not Represented.—Reps. CURTIS, of Michigan; NUNGESSER, of Louisiana; DOLSON, of Ontario; WHITTAKER, of New Jersey; WILDMAN, of Indiana; JOHNSON, of Tennessee; VARNEY, of New Hampshire.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. WILSON, of Louisiana; SEXTON, of Indiana; HALL, of Tennessee; WESTFALL, of Minnesota; KENT, of Colorado.

Committee on Printing.—Reps. McLEAN, of District of Columbia; SHIELDS, of Alabama; LINDENBERG, of Ohio; STINSON, of Oregon; RICHARDSON, of Texas.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Reps. BAIRD, of West Virginia; HARRIS, of New Jersey; WADLEIGH, of Massachusetts; LANE, of Michigan; EVANS, of Nebraska.

Rep. CURRY, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

That fifteen copies of the Report of the M. W. Grand Sire, R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and of the Daily Journal, be furnished to each Grand Officer, Grand Representative, and P. G. Sire, for distribution.

The hour, three o'clock, fixed for adjournment, having arrived, the CHAIR declared the Lodge adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, Sept. 19, 1871—9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

FRED. D. STUART M. W. Grand Sire.
 C. A. LOGAN R. W. D. G. Sire.
 JAMES L. RIDGELY R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
 JOSHUA VANSANT R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 REV. J. W. VENABLE R. W. Grand Chaplain.
 STUART W. CAYCE R. W. Grand Marshal.
 JAMES SMITH R. W. Grand Guardian.
 JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIREs.

JOHN A. KENNEDY New York.
 THOMAS SHERLOCK Ohio.
 GEORGE W. RACE Louisiana.
 JAMES B. NICHOLSON Pennsylvania.
 ISAAC M. VEITCH Missouri.
 JAMES P. SANDERS New York.
 E. D. FARNSWORTH Tennessee.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives present and declared them to be duly qualified; whereupon, by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Grand Treasurer made his Annual Report as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.:

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I herewith present my Annual Report of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and its receipts and disbursements for the year commencing with the 20th of September, 1870, and ending with the 18th of September, 1871:

DR. GRAND TREASURER.

1870. Sept. 20.	To cash balance in Treasury this date, as per report of Committee on Finance, page 4914, Journal 1870.....	\$20,941 71
1871. " 19.	To this sum received from Grand Secretary, J. L. Ridgely, on account of sales of Supplies and for Representative tax from the 20th of September, 1870, to this date.....	42,830 79

1871. Jan. 4.	To six months interest on \$3,000 of U. States bonds	\$90 00
" " 4.	To premium on the same at 10% per cent	9 34
" May 11.	To six months interest on \$8,000 of U. States bonds	240 00
" " 11.	To premium on same at 11 per cent.	26 40
" July 7.	To six months interest on \$3,000 of U. States bonds	90 00
" " 7.	To premium on above at 13% per cent.	11 81
" Nov. 7.	To six months interest on \$8,000 of U. States bonds	240 00
" " 7.	To premium on same at 10% per cent.	24 90
1870. Sept. 24.	To cash received from Grand Encampment of Texas, in part payment of its note of date September 18th, 1867.....	100 00
1871. April 22.	To cash from Grand Lodge of Georgia in payment of its note of the date of June 8, 1866.....	150 00
Total.....		\$64,754 95

GR. GRAND TREASURER.

1870. Sept. 24.	By this sum paid to Grand Officers and Grand Representatives who were in attendance at the Session of the Grand Lodge, which commenced on the 19th of September, 1870, for mileage and per diem, as per report of committee, page 4907 of Journal of 1870.....	\$14,168 40
" " 20.	George J. Roach for painting and varnishing in the office of the Grand Secretary.....	19 60
" " 22.	W. H. Barnes for advertising Book of Forms	29 25
" " 23.	O. B. Loomis for portrait of P. G. Sire Sanders	200 00
" " 24.	E. P. Barnum for per diem as special G. Guardian	6 00
" " "	G. Sire E. D. Farnsworth for postages and express charges for two years.....	125 00
" " "	"Odd-Fellows' Amulet" for advertising Book of Forms	5 00
" " "	J. Vansant, G. Treasurer, for 150 check stamps	3 00
" " "	J. Vansant, G. Treasurer, for official bond stamp	1 00
" " 27.	J. F. Schweitzer for services at Session of Grand Lodge.....	30 00
" Oct. 1.	Adams Express Company for freight from New York.....	15 55
" " "	Wm. H. Oler for ice for G. Secretary's office.....	3 00
" " 3.	Geo. F. Lewis for printing Cards, etc.	100 00
" " "	C. Sachse for repairing and varnishing furniture	24 50
" " "	C. Sachse for removing and repairing G. Lodge furniture	50 00
" " "	F. Bergner for gilt frame for portrait of P. G. Sire Sanders and regilding frames.....	36 00
" " "	Safe Deposit Company for safe keeping of U. S. bonds.....	10 00
" " 6.	Paul & Lindsay for blank books for secret service	9 00
" " 11.	James Young, printing G. Sire's and G. Secretary's Reports, copies of Degree of Rebekah, etc.	527 55
" " 11.	James Young, for printing Daily Journal.....	581 39
" " 13.	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing Cards.....	75 00
" " 17.	G. Rep. John H. White, for making Digest of Laws and Decisions of the G. Lodge.....	1,200 00
" " 23.	W. H. Miller, for making Coal-House, etc., for the accommodation of the office of Grand Secretary.....	24 60
" Nov. 10.	Insurance of G. Lodge furniture.....	11 05
" " 11.	D. Wood, G. Master of G. Lodge of New York, for services rendered in preparing Digest.....	75 00

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1870. Dec.	1.	James L. Ridgely, G. Secretary, for three months salary.....	\$750 00
" "	"	J. E. Chamberlain, G. Messenger, for three mos. salary.....	350 00
" "	"	J. E. Chamberlain, for incidental office expenses, including postages, express transportation, etc.....	176 21
" "	2.	M. C. Lilly & Co., for binding volumes of G. Lodge Journal.....	3 50
" "	15.	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing Cards.....	126 50
" "	"	do. for paper and printing headings.....	16 61
" "	"	do. for printing Cards.....	80 50
" "	28.	James Young, on acc't, printing Revised Journal.....	3,000 00
1871. Jan.	25.	do. do.....	656 02
" "	26.	Wm. H. Dougal, for engraving Card plate.....	150 00
" "	28.	"Golden Rule Association," for advertising Book of Forms.....	13 50
" Feb.	9.	John Y. Slater, for printing Books, Odes, etc.....	826 79
" "	21.	D. D. G. Sire Hooper, for express charges, etc.....	4 80
" "	"	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing Cards.....	62 00
" "	"	do. do.....	103 50
" "	"	do. do.....	28 75
" March	1.	James L. Ridgely, G. Secretary, for three mos. salary.....	750 00
" "	"	J. E. Chamberlain, G. Messenger, for three mos. salary.....	350 00
" "	"	J. E. Chamberlain, G. Messenger, for incidental expenses.....	64 25
" "	23.	F. D. Stuart, for photograph negatives.....	15 00
" "	"	Wm. H. Dougal, for altering steel plate.....	13 00
" April	1.	Kummer & Becker, for foreign freight.....	5 14
" "	6.	Weed, Parsons & Co., on account printing General Digest of G. Lodge.....	1,000 00
" "	14.	F. Bergner, for frames for photographs.....	3 10
" "	17.	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing Cards, etc.....	140 65
" "	21.	C. Sachse, for translating Standard Tract.....	25 00
" "	28.	W. Lacy & Co., for New York insurance risk on plates of Digest of G. Lodge.....	8 50
" "	29.	John Y. Slater, for printing Books, Odes, etc.....	498 95
" March	9.	T. Kroh, for printing Standard Tract.....	35 00
" June	1.	James L. Ridgely, G. Secretary, for three months salary.....	750 00
" "	1.	J. E. Chamberlain, G. Messenger, for three mos. salary.....	350 00
" "	1.	J. E. Chamberlain, for office incidental expenses.....	151 47
" "	8.	W. Lacy & Co., for risk on removal of stereotype plates at Albany.....	2 40
" "	14.	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing Cards.....	135 06
" July	13.	John Y. Slater, for printing Books, Odes, etc.....	203 75
" "	25.	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing Cards and Diplomas.....	318 29
" "	"	John W. Orr, for engraving portrait plate of P. G. Sire Farnsworth, etc.....	80 00
" "	26.	W. H. Dougal, for engraving steel plate portrait of G. Sire Stuart.....	100 00
" Aug.	15.	D. D. G. Sire Hooper, for postage, etc.....	7 50
" "	"	G. F. Lewis, for printing Cards, etc.....	64 50
" "	16.	Safe Deposit Co., for safe keeping of \$3,000 in U. States 5-20 Bonds.....	3 00
" "	18.	G. Lodge of Maryland, for annual rent of premises occupied by G. Secretary, etc.....	325 00
" "	19.	Paul & Lindsay, for binding Journals, etc.....	47 75
" "	28.	J. W. Bond & Co., stationery for twelve months.....	369 95
" "	29.	J. F. Morse, G. Representative, and special D. G. Sire, for traveling expenses and per diem.....	150 00
1870. Sept.	1.	G. Secretary James L. Ridgely, for three months salary.....	750 00

1870. Sept.	1.	G. Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for three mos. salary.....	\$350 00
"	"	G. Messenger J. E. Chamberlain, for incidental office expenses.....	106 55
"	"	7. Weed, Parsons & Co., payment of balance of account for printing and binding General Digest.....	2,799 83
"	"	13. G. Treasurer Joshua Vansant, for postage and check stamps.....	2 20
"	"	G. Treasurer Joshua Vansant, for twelve months salary.....	500 00
"	"	T. Rodgers Johnson, Grand Secretary of California, on account of cash paid by him for printing, etc.....	118 00
Total incidental expenses.....			\$20,104 01
1870. Oct.	3.	McKim & Co., for 3 United States 5-20 Bonds of \$1,000 each, numbers 2535, 2536, 2537, at 10% per cent. premium, purchased in pursuance of resolution of Grand Lodge, page 4914 of the Journal of 1870.....	\$3,322 50
"	Aug. 14.	Hooper, Reese & Co., 2 United States 5-20 Bonds of \$1,000 each, numbered 206,451 and 22,438, and two United States 5-20 Bonds of \$500 each, number 59,173 and 59,174, at 13 per cent. premium, purchased in pursuance of a resolution of Grand Lodge, page 4914 Journal of 1870.....	3,390 00
Total amount paid for Bonds.....			\$6,712 50
Making the gross expenditures for all purposes..			\$40,984 91
"	Sept. 18.	Cash balance.....	23,770 04
Total.....			\$64,754 95
Cash balance Sept. 18, 1871, brought down.....			\$23,770 04
Available Assets of the Grand Lodge, viz.:			
Cash balance as above.....			\$23,770 04
U. S. 5-20 Registered Bonds, issue of 1862—par value.....			4,000 00
" " Coupon " " 1865 ".....			10,000 00
Note of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, payable on 1st of Sept., 1871, of date of Aug. 10, 1870, with interest.....			300 00
Balance due on Note of Grand Lodge of Texas, of the date of Sept. 13, 1868, payable 12 months after date.....			350 36
Balance due on Note of Grand Encampment of Texas, of the date of Sept. 18, 1867, payable one day after date.....			172 00
Total.....			\$38,592 40
Available Assets on the 19th Sept., 1870.....			\$30,014 07
Increase of Assets for the Fiscal year, rating the U. S. Bonds at par			\$8,578 33
Estimating the Bonds at present quotations in currency, the Assets of Grand Lodge will appear to be.....			\$40,632 40
And the Increase of the Assets for the year, upon the same theory, will be.....			\$9,518 33

It will be perceived from the foregoing tabular statements that the revenue of the Grand Lodge for the Fiscal year closing with the 18th Sept., 1871, from sales of Supplies and from Representative tax, was \$42,830.79. From interest on U. S. Bonds, \$732.45. From payments on notes held by the Grand Lodge against Subordinate Jurisdictions, \$250.00. Making the aggregate revenue for the year \$43,813.24, which shows an increase over the aggregate revenue of the preceding year of \$10,245.13.

The expenditures for the year, on account of expenses incurred, or past indebtedness, was \$34,272.41, being \$9,540.83 less than the revenue.

A resolution which was adopted at the Session of 1870, to be found on page 4914 of the Journal of that year, directed the Grand Treasurer to invest, at his discretion, a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars in United States 5-20 Bonds. In obedience to those instructions, I purchased, as may be seen by the tabular statement of expenses, six thousand dollars of United States 5-20 Coupon Bonds, at the cost of 6,712 50-100 dollars. Notwithstanding this investment, the cash balance in the Treasury at the date of this Report is \$2,828.33 greater than it was at the closing of the Fiscal year ending with the 19th of September, 1870.

That balance, in addition to the accruing revenue, will doubtless be greater than will be necessary for the purposes of the Grand Lodge for the incoming year, provided large appropriations shall not be made at the present Session for extraordinary objects. Unless, therefore, the receipts for the year, which will end in September, 1872, should be materially diminished, as compared with the year which has just closed, it will, in my judgment, be expedient to instruct the Grand Treasurer, or some other officer of the Grand Lodge, to invest at his discretion a portion of the accruing revenue.

Of the sixteen thousand dollars in Bonds held by the Grand Lodge (\$2,000 of which stand to the credit of the Wildey Monument account), six certificates of one thousand dollars each are of the issue of 1862, first series, and are registered in the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States I. O. O. F. The Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, in a circular bearing date September 1st, 1871, has notified the holders of the Bonds of the United States of the first series, issued under the provisions of the Act of Congress of 25th of February, 1862, and bearing date May 1st, 1862, that the principal and accrued interest of certain of those Bonds will be paid at the Treasury of the United States, on or after the 1st day of December, 1871, and that the interest on said Bonds will cease at the last-named date. The redeemable registered Bonds specified in said circular of the denomination of one thousand dollars are numbered from 1 to 8,906. The registered Bonds held by the Grand Lodge, as aforesaid, are numbered respectively 2491-2-3-4-5 and 6, and hence the interest on the same will cease on the 1st day of December next.

In consideration of the circular aforesaid, I would respectfully suggest that, inasmuch as these Bonds are issued in favor of the Grand Lodge, a Power of Attorney should be created by the same with the authority to make a surrender of such Bonds, and to receive the principal and interest therefor, and with authority, if the Grand Lodge should deem it expedient, to reinvest the sum received from that source, in such securities as the Grand Lodge may designate.

I have also the honor of presenting the Annual Statement of the financial condition of the Wildey Monument Fund:

DR. GRAND TREASURER.

1870. Sept. 20.	To cash balance this date as per Report of Grand Treasurer, page 4814, Journal of 1870.....	\$330 21
“ Nov. 7.	To four months' interest on \$2,000 of United States Bonds.....	60 00
“ “ 7.	Premium on above, 10%.....	6 23
1871. May 11.	To six months' interest on \$2,000 of United States Bonds.....	60 00
“ “ 11.	Premium on the above at 11 per cent.....	6 60
Total.....		<u>\$463 04</u>

CR. GRAND TREASURER.

1871. July 3.	By this sum paid J. F. Schweitzer for twelve months' services as Keeper of Monument.....	\$50 00
“ Aug. 28.	Paid Wilhelm and Neuman for four lamps for Monument.....	110 10
“ Sept. 4.	Paid J. Vansant, Grand Treasurer, expenses to and at Philadelphia in procuring lamps.....	11 00

1871. Sept. 4. Expenses Freight paid on Lamps.....	3 00
Total.....	\$174 10
Cash balance	288 94
	<hr/> \$463 04

ASSETS OF WILDEY MONUMENT FUND.

Cash balance as above.....	\$288 94
United States 5-20 Bonds par value.....	2,000 00
Total assets.....	<hr/> \$2,288 94

REPORT OF CONDITION OF SOUTHERN RELIEF FUND.

DR. GRAND TREASURER.

1870. Sept. 20. To cash balance, this date, as per Report of Grand Treasurer, page 4814, Journal 1870.....	\$642 41
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CR. GRAND TREASURER.

1871. July 17. By this sum paid to the order of Grand Sire F. D. STUART, under resolution of Grand Lodge of the United States, page 4928, Journal of 1870....	239 80
Cash balance.....	<hr/> \$402 61

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

Chicago, September, 1871.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the M. W. Grand Sire's Report, for the purpose of distributing to appropriate committees the several subjects therein referred to, would respectfully report:

That so much as relates to Foreign Jurisdictions, and the correspondence thereto belonging, and the Report of JOHN F. MORSE, Special Deputy Grand Sire, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as relates to the introduction of the Order in the West Indies, and the correspondence connected therewith, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as refers to visitations by the Grand Sire be committed to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That the decisions of the Grand Sire, numbered one to twenty-four inclusive, be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

That so much as relates to Dispensations issued for new Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as relates to the establishment of the Order in South America be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That the subject of Encampment Regalia, under the head of Proclamations, be referred to a Special Committee of seven.

That the subject of the Degree of Rebekah be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to the Press of the Order be referred to a Special Committee of five.

That so much as refers to schools, asylums, libraries, and charity funds, be referred to a Special Committee of five.

That the subject of abuse of the name of the Order be referred to the Legislative Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MEDOLE,
THOS. SHERLOCK,
H. W. BAKER,
E. WILKERSON.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That in pursuance of the invitation of the R. W. G. Lodge of Illinois, to participate in the celebration this day, the Grand Lodge do now take a recess until one o'clock.

The Lodge accordingly recessed from business until 1 o'clock.

1 o'clock, P. M.

The Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to the special order for recess.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, asked to be excused from serving on the Committee on the State of the Order, which the Lodge refused.

Rep. COX, of Maryland, from the Special Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Printing :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee having charge of the printing for the use of this Grand Lodge have held meetings at various times, and have exercised their best judgment in having the work done in an acceptable manner and at the lowest rates.

They have invited proposals for all the printing required for the use of the Grand Lodge, thus opening the door to free competition ; the result has been a very great reduction in the cost, whilst the character of the workmanship has been fully maintained. Your Committee deem it unnecessary to enumerate all the items for which contracts have been made during the recess of the Grand Lodge, inasmuch as the Treasurer's account (he being one of the Committee) will specify in detail the cost of the work.

At the Session of 1870, a resolution was adopted requiring a certain number of volumes of Proceedings to be printed from the stereotype plates, in order to make 200 complete sets of the Journal. Your Committee invited proposals for printing and binding the required volumes, and awarded the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. They regret to say that the binding is not of the character required by the contract, and they were compelled on that account to decline to accept it, and also to pay the bill until the contract should be complied with. This we have every reason to believe will soon be accomplished.

The printing of the Daily Journal for the present Session has been awarded to Bros. ELLIS & KENNEDY, of Chicago.

The Committee have not entered into any contract for printing the Revised Journal. The opinion has been frequently expressed that the Journal should be printed on a better quality of paper, and better type, than has been done heretofore ; but having no authority to deviate so essentially from what has been done in the past, we prefer to refer this subject, together with the proposals which we have received, to the Grand Lodge, and shall cheerfully abide by your instructions.

Respectfully submitted.

E. GOVER COX,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
HENRY F. GAREY.

Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the following law, passed at the September Session, 1870, found in Proceedings on page 4834, viz : *Resolved*, That no Lodge, or Encampment, or Degree Lodge, shall hold any meeting for work or business upon Sunday, except for funeral purposes.

On motion of Rep. PORTER, of California, the Jurisdictions were called in order, for business.

Rep. WILLIAMS, of Alabama, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. COHEN, of Arkansas, presented the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. PORTER, of California, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah :

Resolved, That hereafter all members of Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah shall be elected by ballot, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Grand Lodges of the several Jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Lodge.

Rep. HARMON, of California, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its last Session, found on page 4834 of the Journal of Proceedings thereof, whereby Subordinate Lodges, Encampments and Degree Lodges are prohibited from meeting for work or business on Sundays, be and the same is hereby rescinded ; and that the subject matter thereof be left to the several State Grand Bodies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. MORSE, of California, presented the following financial account of the Special Deputy Grand Sire for Germanic Europe and Switzerland, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS RECEIVED AND APPROPRIATED ON BEHALF OF
GERMAN MISSION.

Feb. 21, 1871.	Aurora Lodge, No. 105, Nashville, Tennessee, \$100 contributed. Received.....	Thls. 117
March 9, "	Harmony Lodge, No. 13, S. Francisco, Cal., \$500 contributed.	
" " "	Germania Lodge, No. 114, S. Francisco, Cal., \$300 contributed.	
" " "	Herman Lodge, No. 145, S. Francisco, Cal., \$100 contributed.	
	Received draft on London for £182 16s. 3d., 90 days after sight. Received, less exchange and discount.....	1,113

April	9, 1871.	From G. Sec. C. V. Clark, Jurisdiction of New York	403	3gro.
"	29, "	Franklin Lodge, No. 74, Placerville, Cal., \$100 received.		
"	" "	Allemania Lodge, No. 172, San Jose, Cal., \$25 received	163	20 "
May	12, "	From C. V. Clark, Jurisdiction of New York..	248	13 "
"	23, "	From P. Hall Sweet, D. C.....	42	7 "
June	2, "	From Jurisdiction of New Jersey.....	113	
"	3, "	From G. Sec. Ridgely, contribution from Indiana, \$187.75, gold.		
"	" "	From G. Sec. Ridgely, contributions from Pennsylvania, \$100, currency.		
		Total issued in Prussian Thalers.....	712	15 "
July	15, "	Wilkey Encampment, \$50, San Francisco.....		
"	" "	Balance from San Francisco German Lodges, \$11.70		
"	" "	Bay City Lodge, San Francisco, California, \$100.		
"	" "	In Prussian money, less exchange.....	209	17 gr.
"	" "	From C. V. Clark, Grand Secretary, New York.....	134	17 "
Aug.	4, "	From Golden Rule Lodge, 109, St. Louis.....	36	00 "
Total receipts in Prussian Thalers.....			3,292	16 "
Expenditures incident to contribution to Wurttemberg Lodge, Stuttgart, institution of Germania Lodge, Berlin, Farnsworth Encampment, Berlin, Saxonia Lodge, Dresden, Helvetia Lodge, Zurich, and 200 Thalers to Bro. Berlin for Lodge.....			2,734	12 "
			558	04 "

I have therefore to acknowledge a balance of 558 thalers and 4 groschen, in my hands, against the unrecorded expenditures of a trip to London and back to Dresden, two trips from Dresden to Berlin, and one trip from Dresden to Stuttgart, the establishment of Wurttemberg Lodge and return to Dresden, with time and incidental demands at all of these places prior to the reception of any funds from the Order in America.

JOHN F. MORSE, S. D. G. S. for German States and of Switzerland.

Rep. SMITH, of Connecticut, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That when a brother shall have made a proper application for Degrees in his Lodge, the Lodge may open for the purpose of balloting in the highest degree applied for, and grant or deny them all at one ballot ; unless there are present members who have not attained said highest degree, yet are further advanced than the applicant, in which case the Lodge shall be opened, and a ballot taken in a lower degree, so as to afford every such member an opportunity to ballot.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That the Representatives of the Grand Lodge, in the Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to petition that body to alter or amend Sect. 44 of the new Digest, (pages 90, 91) as to allow the names and numbers of defunct Lodges to be granted to other Lodges, where it shall be evident to this Grand Lodge that such defunct Lodges can never be re-organized by their original members.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That the 5th resolution, found on page 4892 and the 6th and 7th resolutions found on page 4893 of the Proceedings of September, 1870, relative to the issuing of Dismissal Certificates, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Rep. WILSON, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the last Session of the Grand Lodge, Journal 1870, fol. 4834, as follows : Resolved, that no Lodge, Encampment, or Degree Lodge, shall hold any meeting for work or business upon Sunday, except funeral purposes, be, and is hereby, repealed ; and that the subject matter thereof be left to the several State Grand Bodies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. COX, of Maryland, seconded by Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, Rep. DURYEA, of South Carolina, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution :

Amend Article XIV, Section 2, of the Constitution, by striking out the words "seventy-five," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifty."

Rep. BARBER, of Mississippi, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Mississippi, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, in obedience to instructions, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions :

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby instructed to endeavor to secure the influence of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, in prevailing on the United States Government to indemnify those Lodges within this Jurisdiction which suffered the loss of halls, regalia, or other property, by the action of the Federal troops during the late war.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, presented an additional amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. ARCHER, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That the last clause of resolutions 5, 6 and 7, as found upon the Journal of 1870, pages 4892 and 4893, be amended by adding after the words "one dollar" the words "and by a majority vote of the members present."

Rep. Ross of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah :

Resolved, That the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah be directed to inquire into and report on the expediency of amending the laws governing Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, so that such Lodges may determine the membership by a ballot vote.

Rep. WROTH, of New Jersey, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

FROM THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF NEW JERSEY

Offered by JAS. WROTH and ISRAEL HARRIS, Grand Representatives, by instruction of that R. W. Body, viz. :

Whereas, the R. W. Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania persistently refuses to admit *as visitors* the R. W. Grand Encampment of New Jersey, holding proper Visiting Cards from their several Encampments, and able to prove themselves according to the established Work of the Order, in direct contravention of Section 1, Article XVI, of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Body to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to ask of that honorable Body, that the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania be instructed to extend the courtesies of the Order to the members of all other Grand Encampments, duly organized and working under valid, unreclaimed Charters from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, entitling them to equal privileges, *at least*, in all other Jurisdictions of the Order.

In obedience to the foregoing instructions the undersigned offer the following, and ask its reference to the Legislative Committee, viz. :

Whereas, By Authority of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the several Grand Encampment Jurisdictions may admit to membership in their respective bodies Past Chief Patriarchs and Past High Priests possessing the requisite qualifications under their several Constitutions ; or may restrict such membership to Past Chief Patriarchs only at their option.

And whereas, Many of the Grand Encampments of this Grand Jurisdiction have availed themselves of this permission, and admit Past High Priests to membership in their several Grand Bodies, whereby such Past High Priests become entitled to all the rights, privileges, and courtesies of any other membership of such Grand Encampments, as provided by Section 1, Article XVI, of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Body.

And whereas, The R. W. Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, whose membership is restricted to Past Chief Patriarchs only, does—in contravention of that comity and fraternal courtesy which should exist between co-ordinate bodies of this Order, as is provided for in Section 1, Article XVI, of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Body—refuse to *admit as visitors* Past High Priests, members of Grand Encampments of sister Jurisdictions, in possession of all the degrees, and competent and ready "to prove themselves according to the established Work of the Order, and to produce the proper card."

And whereas, There is no "official degree" or other distinction attached to the office of Past Chief Patriarch, that is not equally applicable and pertinent to a Past High Priest duly admitted to membership in his Grand Encampment ;

Now, therefore, With a view to remove all cause for misconstruction or

error as to the status of a Past High Priest duly admitted to membership in any Grand Encampment of this Jurisdiction, duly organized according to law ;

Resolved, That all members of the Grand Encampment branch of this Order, whether admitted to membership as Past Chief Patriarchs or Past High Priests, under the requirements of their several Grand Bodies, shall be and they are hereby designated and hailed as PAST PATRIARCHS, indiscriminately, and as such shall be entitled to all the privileges accorded and guaranteed to members of this degree by the laws of this Grand Body, including especially the right of intervisitation between the Grand Encampments of sister Jurisdictions.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That hereafter the name of any person while living shall not be used as the chartered name or title for any Lodge or Encampment to be instituted under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or under that of any Jurisdiction subordinate thereto.

Rep. SMITH, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

Resolved, That the dues of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina to this R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be remitted.

Rep. SMITH, of North Carolina, presented an application from North Carolina for a Grand Encampment, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That the third resolution, to be found on page 4892 of the Journal of 1870, be amended by adding after the word "By-Laws" the following, "or such lesser sum as may be fixed by the Lodge to which such application is made."

So that said resolution will read as follows :

Resolved, That after one year from the date of suspension, a member dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon the payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age, as prescribed by the By-Laws, or such lesser sum as may be fixed by the Lodge to which such application is made.

Rep. TURNER, of Ohio, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, moved the following amendment to the By-laws, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Amend Article X of the By-Laws, so as to make it read as follows :

ARTICLE X.

Annual Returns shall be made by each State, District, or Territorial Grand Body, in which shall be embraced the names of the Grand Masters and Grand Secretary, or Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, with the Post-office address of each, the time and place of the next Annual Session, the number of Subordinates under its Jurisdiction, and the aggregate membership in good standing in the same, as well as the aggregate number of initiations, rein-

statements, admissions by Card, withdrawals by Card, expulsions and deaths, and the number dropped, the number of brothers relieved and the amount of such relief, the number of widowed families relieved and the amount of relief, the amount paid for burying the dead, the amount paid for the education of orphans, and the total amount of receipts. Forms for these Reports shall be furnished by the Grand Lodge. Said Returns shall be made to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting of this Body, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon in money current in the place where the next Session is to be held.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, presented the appeals of P. G. LOWRY and others, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That hereafter no publication be made in the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the causes for which the penalty of expulsion from the Order has been or shall be imposed.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, presented the appeal of Southern Lodge, No. 41, of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. DRISCOLL, of Rhode Island, presented the appeal of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. DODGE, of Rhode Island, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That from and after the 1st day of January, 1872, the terms of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall be for the period of twelve months. The said term to commence on the first meeting in January.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

A Certificate, under the Seal of the Grand Encampment of Texas, attested by the signatures of the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe of that Jurisdiction, declares that P. G. M. W. YOUNG has been duly elected Representative from the Grand Encampment of Texas to this Grand Lodge; and, in the body of the same Certificate are the following words: "In the event of Bro. YOUNG not attending at the opening of the Grand Lodge, P. G. J. Y. DASHIEL is hereby appointed Representative in his place." P. G. M. W. YOUNG is not present, and his alternate, P. G. J. Y. DASHIEL, presents the Certificate and asks for admission as a member of this Grand Lodge. The Committee on Credentials have reported the facts of the case, and it has been referred to the Judiciary Committee for investigation and report.

The question is, can Bro. DASHIEL be lawfully admitted to a seat as a member of this Grand Lodge? Article IX. Section I, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge declares that "Grand Representatives shall be chosen * * for the term of two years, and, if a vacancy occurs by death, resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of any State, * * * such vacancies shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such Grand Lodge or Encampment."

It is not clear from the Certificate, whether the appointment of Bro. DASHIEL was made by the Grand Encampment of Texas, or by the Grand Patriarch. If by the former, then we report that there is no law that authorizes a State Grand body to appoint alternate members of the Grand Lodge of the United States. See Digest, Sec. 872. If by the latter, then we report that no vacancy is shown to exist, and the only contingency on which the executive can act has not occurred (for the credentials of Bro. YOUNG are good for two years. See Digest, Sect. 876); so that, in either case, the appointment of Bro. DASHIEL is a void act, and we are of opinion that he is not entitled to a seat as a Grand Representative.

We deem it proper to remark that the Certificate of Bro. YOUNG appears to be regular in all respects save the interpolation of the words above referred to, and we think those words should be regarded as surplusage, and that they in no wise affect its validity.

We respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That P. G. J. Y. DASHIEL is not entitled to a seat as a member of this Grand Lodge by virtue of the Certificate above referred to.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
J. D. TRAPP,
D. N. BARROWS,
CHARLES H. RAWLINGS,
JNO. H. WHITE,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
JAMES PIERCE.

On the motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. HUBBARD, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah :

Resolved, That Rebekah Degree Lodges shall be clothed with the power to receive or reject applications for membership, and the sole right to confer the Degree in their respective localities, and that the continuance of membership of the wife of an Odd-Fellow who has received the Degree, shall not depend upon his maintaining his standing and membership in the Subordinate Lodge to which he belongs, but upon her own fidelity and good conduct, or the reverse.

Rep. HUBBARD, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That the general business of Subordinate Lodges be transacted while working in the Scarlet Degree.

Rep. HUBBARD, of Wisconsin, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of New York, which was referred to the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah :

Resolved, That the Representatives of this body in the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be, and are hereby, instructed to use their best efforts to procure such modification of the Constitution of Rebekah Degree Lodges as will vest in such Lodges the power of electing their members.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted at the Session of this R. W. Grand Lodge in 1870, known as the "Sunday Law," be so modified that the same be referred to the different State Jurisdictions for their action on the same.

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, from the Special Committee appointed at the last Session to report unfinished business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of preparing a report of all deferred and unfinished business of the Grand Lodge, would respectfully report that, on examination of the printed Journal, we find the following, requiring action: page 4666, Amendment Sec. 5, Art. I, relative to changing Unwritten Work, considered, page 4835, and "postponed for the present."

Page 4667, Amendment to Art. XVIII, providing compensation to Past Grand Sire: considered, page 4835, and on motion laid on table for the present.

Resolution offered, page 4933, relative to the establishment of the Independent Order in England, laid over till Session of 1871.

Your Committee would recommend the reference of the above-named amendments to Constitution to the Special Committee on revision of Constitution: Also, that the resolution, page 4933, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. TICKNOR.

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to furnish each Representative, not heretofore supplied, with one copy of the Book of Forms.

Rep. PARTRIDGE, of Ontario, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Credentials have received and examined the credentials of GEORGE HENNING, P. G. Representative from the Grand Lodge of Nevada and find the same correct.

THOMAS PARTRIDGE,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
JAMES TURNER.

Rep. FURST, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That all resolutions offered at this Session be sent to the desk of the R. W. Grand Secretary and there read.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That Lodges paying weekly benefits to sick members of other Lodges upon Visiting Cards, shall be required to give notice to the Lodges to which the sick brothers belong, of the sickness of the brothers, and of the amount of benefits paid, within six weeks of the time of taking charge of the sick brothers, and every six weeks thereafter during the continuance of the sickness, under pain of not being entitled to claim more than six weeks' benefits from the Lodge to which the sick brothers belong.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

WHEREAS, The unfavorable report of a committee upon the application of a candidate for initiation is a stronger evidence of unworthiness than the rejection of a candidate upon a ballot ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the unfavorable report of a committee, declaring a candidate for initiation to be unworthy of being admitted, shall render a ballot upon the application unnecessary. The candidate shall be declared to be rejected.

Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That from and after the dates herein specified, the regular terms of service of all officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall be twelve months. In those Jurisdictions where the present or six months term now begins in January and July, the new term shall commence and take effect on the first day of January, 1872. In those Jurisdictions where the present or six months term, by the local law thereof, now begins in April and October, the new term shall commence and take effect on the first day of April, 1872.

Resolved, That the qualifications for office by previous service, as now required by general and local law, shall apply to the first election held for the new term, and for all vacancies during the first year thereafter, but at all subsequent elections twelve months' service as Vice Grand shall be a necessary qualification for the office of Noble Grand, and the same period of service in some inferior position shall be a necessary qualification for the office of Vice Grand.

Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, moved the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was laid on the table, for one day, pursuant to law :

Amend Article XIV (14,) By-Laws, as follows :

Add thereto the following words : Provided, however, that the holder of a Dismissal Certificate, regularly issued by a Lodge or Encampment, may deposit the same in any other Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be, under such rules and upon such conditions as the Jurisdictions in which it is offered for deposit may prescribe, but he shall not be required to be in possession of the T. P. W., nor can he visit a Lodge or Encampment by virtue of such Certificate.

Rep. HARMON, of California, from the Special Committee on the Constitution, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Committee appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge report :

The terms of our appointment seemed to indicate that, in the judgment of this Lodge, there is necessity for a radical revision of its fundamental law.

Accordingly, we have subjected the Constitution to a thorough examination, with a view to ascertain in what particulars, if any, it absolutely requires revision, and in what particulars, if any, revision is expedient. It needed but slight thought to satisfy us that, if the Constitution be based on wrong principles, or if, in the machinery by which they were carried out, there be any friction with the principles themselves, in short, that if American Odd-Fellowship be endangered or cramped by any provisions in the Constitution, revision should be fearlessly made.

We have reached that point in our history where the outlook is grand. We are just getting into ship-shape for the voyage of the twentieth century, and our vision must be cast far into the ocean on which we sail to discover rocks or whirlpools.

At the outset of your Committee's labor we were struck with one fact, to wit : that to the circular issued to members of this Lodge and others, inviting suggestions, we have received but few answers, and these on the most minor details. From this we infer that the Lodge and the Order generally are content with the Constitution as it is. Certainly, if it contain great defects, the opportunity thus afforded to point them out would have been embraced by some members of the Grand Lodge. True, Representatives may have preferred leaving the whole subject to the Committee; but as our circular was extensively distributed among leading Odd-Fellows, we think the absence of vital suggestions is strong proof that they are not needed.

Independent of this fact, however, your Committee have unanimously concluded that, in the main, the Constitution ought to stand as it is; and to demonstrate this proposition will be our effort in this report. It will be worth the time and labor if this Grand Lodge and the Order at large can settle down upon the conviction that the Constitution is not only sufficient for the day, but that it is a well-matured instrument, comprehensive in its scope and practical in its details.

A few articles require amendment and, on concluding our report, we will put the amendment in form.

The Constitution embodies five substantive ideas, to wit : 1st, The name of this Lodge ; 2d, The assertion that it is the source of Odd-Fellowship in the United States, and has power to establish the work of the Order ; 3d, Membership of this body, including the basis of representation and the source of revenue ; 4th, That this Body may establish Odd-Fellowship in countries foreign or domestic ; 5th, The qualification for membership in the Order.

The question is, are there serious defects in either of these ideas or in the plan by which either is developed in the Constitution ?

1. As to the name :

Many members of the Order favor change in this respect. The desire for it seems to be based upon the supposed incompatibility of the name with the true sphere of Odd-Fellowship. Our principles are of universal application. We are beginning to plant ourselves in foreign countries, and the "Grand Lodge of the United States" is said to be too restrictive a name for so expansive an Institution.

Let us see if there be any real force in the thought.

Odd-Fellowship, in its loftiest sense of brotherhood of mind, of heart, of right, of sorrows and joys, is purely an American Institution. The Grand Lodge of the United States alone established it. This Lodge alone has taken the cold and lifeless form of a mere physical charity—a mere materialism—and warmed it into the spiritual Odd-Fellowship of 1871. It alone has clothed the dead body with new life. It alone has made our Order a power in the land ; ever inculcating in the Lodge room the fundamental truths of manhood and good will, upon which all Republican institutions must be built. Its high aim has been to make men better husbands and fathers, and also better citizens ; to educate and make strong, as well as to relieve in distress. Schools and colleges are now parts of our system, as well as asylums and homes. We are acting on the principle that knowledge is power, and we seek to make it both wisdom and virtue.

To this credit is Odd-Fellowship in the United States entitled. Then why not continue to call this Body the Grand Lodge of the United States ? The Odd-Fellowship originated and taught by it is *sui generis*, and is independent of the Odd-Fellowship originating in other countries. To propagate this

kind of Odd-Fellowship and no other, is our mission, and the name should be retained, to distinguish and individualize it.

The fact that we desire to extend the Order to foreign countries, so far from constituting a reason for changing the name by omitting the words "United States," is a strong reason the other way. We do not desire to spread *all* Odd-Fellowship. The Odd-Fellowship of the bar-room, the social cup, the bare dollars and cents, is not what we seek to infuse into other nations. It is the Odd-Fellowship of these United States alone that we are proud of, and hope to see other people embrace. It is that kind of Odd-Fellowship we have planted in British North America, in Australia, in Switzerland, and Germany.

There is another peculiar reason for retaining our present name. The United States, by common consent of the mass of men in Europe and America, represent the most advanced doctrines of equal rights—social, civil, political, and religious. The tendency of the age is to look to us as a model. Our civil polity is gradually becoming organic law in Europe; and international law is compelled to expunge whole chapters and adopt American ethics and maxims. In a word, American institutions are fast shaping the destiny of nations. Hence, the name "Grand Lodge of the United States," instead of making the Order local, makes it universal, because emblematic of all the great principles of modern civilization.

Again, if in time the Order becomes established in all civilized countries, and the membership becomes millions instead of thousands, there will necessarily be a sovereign Grand Lodge in each country, and then our name will be right. For brevity the title can be changed to the "United States Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows." In Germany the "Germanic Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows" would answer; so on in other countries.

For these and other reasons we think the time has not yet arrived, and probably never will arrive, for any change in the name of this Body.

2. As to amending Section 5, Article I, of the Constitution so as to permit the Unwritten Work to be more easily altered.

It seems to your Committee that the evils arising from this section are imaginary. The Work and Ritual ought to be reasonably permanent. Slight changes are of no use. Indeed we do not understand that there is any serious objection to the Secret Work, so long, at least, as the Encampment is kept up as a distinct branch of the Order. If the two branches were merged, of which there is no probability for a long period, if ever, the Degrees could doubtless be consolidated with good effect, and the language of the Ritual and Work be improved.

It is difficult to obtain uniformity of practice in the several Jurisdictions with the Work as it is, and any great change would force those who are now competent teachers back into pupils again, and thus hinder, rather than aid, the real aim in these respects, to wit, a simple and uniform Ritual and Work.

Besides, whenever three-fourths of the Lodge desire to alter the Work, they can effect it. The Constitution, it is true, requires the vote altering the Unwritten Work to be unanimous; but the Constitution itself can be amended by a three-fourths vote; and we believe it has never been proposed to reduce the vote below three-fourths or four-fifths. The only difference between letting this section remain as it is, and changing it to a four-fifths vote, is that in the former case it takes two years to alter the Work, while, in the latter case, it could be done at any Session.

We submit that neither Ritual nor Work should be changed until it has been subjected to the criticism and judgment of the Order for two years, and then only by a three-fourths vote of the members present.

3. Basis of representation.

Article XI, Section 2, gives each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members one Representative; and two Representatives to each in case the membership exceeds one thousand.

Of course there is inequality here. The smaller Jurisdictions have as much power as the larger. Both, however, pay the same Representative tax, and here the inequality is against the smaller Jurisdictions.

But what of it? Does this inequality work injustice? Has any Jurisdic-

tion or brother been wronged thereby? or, has any Jurisdiction complained of it? It has existed for seventeen years, and this Body has been wise in its councils, and the Order has steadily progressed.

Mere numbers is an unjust basis of representation. The true theory of a representative system is to get a just representation of the *different ideas* of the whole country. Hence, in a perfect system, the country must be divided into as many sections as there are substantial differences in ideas or modes of thought. But the difficulty of fixing exact lines is such that the only practical method is to assume that each State having a certain membership fairly represents a different section, and to give it an equal representation. This is the best way to prevent the larger Jurisdictions from ruling the smaller; and, on the other hand, in order to mitigate the supposed evils of subjecting the larger States to the rule of the smaller, and to reduce the membership of this body, in time the limit should be increased from one thousand to at least five thousand.

This change ought not to be made now. If the basis for a second Representative were made five thousand, then only one-third of the Grand Lodges would gain in Representatives; and in the Encampment branch only two—Pennsylvania and Ohio. Even this change, therefore, at present would so increase the power of the few States as to create dissatisfaction, and the attempt to make it would result in agitation and failure.

Again, as time passes, the tendency of the present system is to equilibrium. The population of the Southern and Western States will increase, and finally be about equal to New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri, Indiana and Illinois. The territory of a large proportion of the States is extensive, and so nearly alike that the present inequality of representation will gradually diminish; so that whenever, hereafter, it is found necessary to increase the minimum basis, the principle of giving to each Grand Body the same relative representation can still be maintained.

Further: This is not a political body, and there is not the same reason for equality of representation as in the National Government. There, the object is to have localities represented so as to secure justice to conflicting interests; and in proportion as is the number of people in a locality, in that proportion are they entitled to power by way of representation. Even there, however, it is found necessary to check numbers and local interests by equal power in the Senate.

In Odd-Fellowship, local interests require no special representation, because there are, comparatively, *no local interests*. Aside from a few matters for local regulation, in accordance with local customs and habits, the same law suits each State.

We add, that while we leave representation as it now stands, it is wise to provide for whatever differences there are, or may be, by leaving as much of legislation as possible to the States—that is, by decentralizing as to non-essentials. Let this Grand Lodge rule as to the fundamental principles of the Order and the Work, so as to have them one, the world over; but let the States rule as to all else.

In conclusion, on this part of our report, we think the basis of representation will not require change until by new States and new Grand Bodies it becomes necessary to diminish the number of members in this Lodge. That period will not be reached before ten years. There are now forty-one Grand Lodges. Of these, thirty-three are entitled to two Representatives each. There are thirty-three Grand Encampments, of which seventeen are entitled to two Representatives each, leaving eight Lodges and sixteen Encampments entitled to one Representative each. This Grand Lodge is composed of one hundred and twenty-four Representatives. A glance at the map will show us that at the end of ten years, and not much sooner, we may expect new Grand Lodges in Montana, Dakota, Idaho, Washington, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona; and, in some of them, Grand Encampments. If we put their representation here at sixteen, we shall not greatly err. To these add one Representative each to the eight Grand Lodges and sixteen Grand Encampments, with a present membership of less than one thousand, and the membership of this body will, in ten years, be one hundred and sixty-four; and then will be the time to reduce it by an increase of the minimum from one thousand to five thousand, more or less.

Meanwhile the increasing expenses of the steadily-increasing numbers of the Lodge can be counteracted by having Biennial Sessions if it be thought best.

4. Shall Past Grand Sires have all the rights of Representatives?

Without discussion, we state our conclusion to be that they should have all the rights and privileges of Representatives, except the right to vote. Their presence here is desirable. Experience is valuable in all departments of life, and nowhere more so than in charitable and educational matters. Novices can do little in conducting schools, colleges, and benevolent institutions. The ripest judgment and the most constant care are of prime necessity here. Hence, men who have passed through all the gradations of our Order up to the rank of Past Grand Sire can, if they will, contribute largely to the wisdom of our legislation. The fact that they attend our Sessions would prove their interest in the Order; and the money paid for their *per diem* and mileage will be as well spent as the money paid to Representatives themselves.

Indeed, there is no practical reason against allowing a vote, also. They vote right as often as other members. Still, it is part of the American system that Representatives only can vote in legislative bodies. And it is a violation of the logic of that system to compel any constituent to be governed by a law made by those whom he did not authorize to legislate. In obedience to this rule, we think the right to vote should not be granted to Past Grand Sires.

5. Foreign Grand Bodies.

The relation which Grand and Subordinate Lodges in foreign countries are to bear to the Grand Lodge of the United States, comes within the inquiries of your Committee only so far as to ascertain whether the Constitution needs amendment with reference thereto. And this depends upon whether the Order, when established by us in other lands, is to be sovereign there, or to continue subject to our laws.

However flattering to our pride to contemplate American Odd-Fellowship as existing in every civilized country and recognizing this Grand Lodge as the Supreme Head, we must not shut our eyes to the fact that no such dream can ever be realized; or, if realized, that it would be but for a moment. Absolute independence of thought and government is the demand of this age. No nation will consent to be ruled by another; and no people will long consent to have their customs and habits, and internal institutions, of whatever kind, controlled in the slightest degree by any other people. All we can do is first, to establish our Order in those foreign countries which are fit for it; second, to foster it until it has grown strong enough for self-government; and then to make each country free and independent in Odd-Fellowship as it is free and independent in municipal affairs.

To preserve the identity of the Institution and enable its members everywhere to visit and receive its charities, it is essential that this Grand Lodge retain exclusive power over the Ritual, the Work and the A. T. P. W.

In any view, the Constitution is equal to all emergencies.

Article I, Sections 2, 6 and 7, extends the authority of this Body to Lodges organized by it in foreign countries. The method provided by Articles I—V of the By-Laws for creating Grand and Subordinate Lodges applies to the United States only, and is not exclusive of our power under the Constitution to organize them in foreign countries in a different way. So that the whole subject of the relation of foreign Grand Bodies to this Grand Lodge is within our legislative power with the Constitution as it is.

6. Readmission of suspended members.

Under Section 4, Article XVI, of the Constitution, members suspended or expelled in one Jurisdiction can not be admitted to membership in another Jurisdiction, without the consent of the Lodge or Encampment suspending or expelling them. Then follows a proviso that members suspended for three years for non-payment of dues only, and members of defunct Lodges unable to get a Card, may be readmitted if this Lodge grants the privilege by a three-fourths vote.

So far as expelled members are concerned, this law may be right, though it is debatable ground; but, as to members suspended for non-payment of dues, it is wrong in principle and inconsistent with the spirit of our legislation at the last Session. (Journal, 4892-3.)

The policy of permitting brothers suspended for non-payment of dues to be readmitted in other Jurisdictions originated in the peculiar circumstances of California. Members went there in early days without intending to remain and without Cards. Necessity or inclination kept them there, and they were suspended. The result was, California had within its borders large numbers of the very best men, once members of the Order, who again sought entrance. We amended our Constitution, and admitted them. Subsequently other Jurisdictions, under the plea of like necessity, obtained like privileges.

But the question was not settled upon principle. It was put on the ground of "necessity," whereas the gist of the matter was, and is, simply this, to wit: that a man of unquestionable character desires to become a member of the Order, and he ought to be admitted. What have been his antecedents as to previous membership, or in any other respect, is material only so far as it tends to show what manner of man he now is; and the decision of that point should be left to the Subordinate Lodge where he applies for admission.

Men cease paying dues, sometimes from necessity, sometimes from indifference, and are lost to the Order. When the necessity or indifference ends, the penalties attached to them should also end.

Section 4, Article XVI, should be so amended as to allow members suspended in one Jurisdiction for non-payment of dues only to be readmitted in another Jurisdiction, upon the same terms as an initiate.

7. Qualification for Membership.

The Constitution requires amendment in this respect. If foreign Jurisdictions are to be sovereign as to local affairs, this Grand Lodge retaining exclusive power over the Ritual, the Work, and the A. T. P. W., it follows that the restriction as to age contained in Section 2, Article XVI, should be removed.

Your Committee offer the following recommendations:

1. That the amendment proposed at the last Session by Rep. Fox, of California, page 4961 of the Journal, be adopted.

2. That the amendment to Article XVII of the Constitution, proposed by Rep. Stokes, on page 4962 of the Journal, be adopted.

3. Amend Section 4, Article XVI, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge so as to read as follows:

SECTION 4. A member of the Order suspended or expelled from a Lodge or Encampment in any State, District, Territory, or Country, shall not be admitted to membership in a Lodge or Encampment in another State, District, Territory, or Country, without the previously obtained consent of the Lodge or Encampment from which he is suspended or expelled; *provided, however*, that members suspended in one Jurisdiction or Sovereignty for non-payment of dues only may be admitted to membership in another Jurisdiction or Sovereignty upon the same terms as an initiate.

4. Amend Article II of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE II. This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, to wit: A Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger, Past Grand Sires, and Grand Representatives from the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, working under legal unreclaimed Charters granted by this Grand Lodge.

Amend Article VI of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI. The Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in a book provided for that purpose, keep the Journal of all Secret Sessions, and preserve and keep the evidences of the Unwritten Work, and such alterations as may, from time to time, be made therein, and all other records appertaining to the Work of the Order, and the explanations and lectures relative thereto; summon the members to attend all special meetings; keep accounts between the Grand Lodge and the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction; read all petitions, reports and communications; write all letters and com-

munications ; carry on, under the direction of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Sire, its correspondence ; and transact such business of the Grand Lodge appertaining to his office as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge. All communications transmitted or received by him officially shall be laid before the Grand Lodge. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, determine. He shall have authority to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Lodge, an Assistant, who shall perform such duties as the Grand Secretary or this Grand Lodge shall prescribe. He shall also have power, between the Sessions of this Grand Lodge, for cause, to remove said Assistant from office until the next Session of the Lodge after such removal. Said Assistant shall receive a compensation, to be fixed by the Grand Lodge at each Session, and be paid from its Treasury.

Amend Sections 2 and 4, Article VIII, so as to read as follows :

SECTION 2. The Grand Marshal is charged with the convenience and comfort of the members, and shall employ a sufficient number of aids or pages for that purpose. He shall have power to make requisitions upon the Treasury for the funds necessary to provide, as well for this service as for the supplies requisite therefor.

SECTION 4. The Grand Messenger is charged with special service upon the Grand Sire during the Sessions ; shall see to his comfort, and that his desk is properly supplied with official books, papers and documents ; and shall perform such messages as the Grand Sire or Grand Secretary shall direct.

JOHN B. HARMON,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
ERIE J. LEECH,
J. MARIS.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the subject of "prescribing distinctive regalia and stations for the Appointed Officers in Subordinate Encampments" be referred to a Special Committee of five members

Rep. PORTER, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a Secret Session of this Grand Lodge be held on Thursday evening, the 21st inst., at 8 o'clock, for instruction in the Secret Work.

Rep. TRAPPE, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That a copy of the Secret Work and Diagrams illustrating same be prepared for and furnished to each of the State and Territorial Grand Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and that a Special Committee of three be appointed to carry out the object of the above resolution.

Rep. BIRCHETT, of Mississippi, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the accompanying memorial of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, referring to the manner of paying Representatives to this Grand Lodge, and the matters and things therein contained, be referred to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

Rep. HARRIS, of New Jersey, moved the following resolu-

tion, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah :

Resolved, That the right to receive the Degree of Rebekah be extended to all the female relatives of Scarlet Degree members in good standing who may desire to obtain the degree and who may have attained sufficient age.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, respectfully report :

That so much as relates to the Digest, under the ninth resolution of the last Session, be referred to the Finance Committee.

That so much as refers to the procuring and preserving the periodicals and Journals of the Order be referred to Special Committee on the Periodical Press of the Order.

That so much as refers to the general correspondence be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That so much as refers to the Reports of the Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of this body be referred to the Committee on Returns.

That so much as relates to Warrants issued in recess be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as pertains to the change of termination of the Fiscal year of this Grand Lodge be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as refers to finances be referred to the Finance Committee.

That the correspondence accompanying the Report be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That so much as relates to the printing of the Journal, under the 15th resolution of last session, be referred to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MEDOLE,
H. W. BAKER,
E. WILKERSON,
THOS. SHERLOCK,
WM. MADDEN.

The CHAIR announced the appointment of the following special committees :

On the Degree of Rebekah.—Reps. CARTER, of Ohio ; McLEAN, of the District of Columbia ; ROSS, of New Jersey ; WHITNEY, of Michigan, and VANCE, of West Virginia.

On the Part of the Grand Sire's Report Referring to Chapeaux, Swords, Belts, Etc.—Reps. FITZHUGH, of Virginia ; MEDOLE, of New York ; HARMON, of California ; WOODYATT, of Ontario ; PHILLIPS, of Tennessee ; TOMPKINS, of Alabama ; GAREY, of Maryland.

On the Press.—Reps. WHITE, of New York ; LINDENBERG, of Ohio ; McLAREN, of California ; ROBBE, of Georgia ; VANDEGRIFF, of Louisiana.

Schools and Asylums.—Reps. DURYEA, of South Carolina ; GARDINER, of New Hampshire ; HUBBARD, of Wisconsin ; SHARP, of Iowa ; DRISCOL, of Rhode Island.

On Prescribing Distinctive Regalia and Stations for the Appointed Officers of Subordinate Encampments.—Reps. KENNEDY, P. G. Sire, of New York ; FAIRCHILD, of Connecticut ; FURST, of Illinois ; WILSON, of Louisiana ; RANDALETT, of Kansas.

The Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary submitted his Supplementary Report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF Receipts of Grand Secretary after the close of the Annual Report, up to and including September 18th, 1871.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Odes.	Cards.	Books.	Rebekah Certificates.	Dismissal Certificates.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Kansas.....	\$178 97	.....	\$20 00	\$32 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$52 00
North Carolina.....	.....	.....	30 00	40 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	824 47
Kentucky.....	.....	.....	100 00	96 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	196 00
Michigan.....	31 00	\$50 00	400 00	639 50	.....	60 00	.....	.....	150 00	1,330 50
California.....	.....	125 00	340 00	873 50	.....	80 00	.....	75	150 00	1,569 25
Ontario.....	65 00	25 00	100 00	232 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	572 00
Virginia.....	8 00	7 00	45 00	33 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	243 00
New Jersey.....	.....	80 00	440 00	257 75	.....	50 00	\$25 00	.....	.....	852 75
Arkansas.....	.....	.....	.....	62 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62 50
West Virginia.....	.....	17 50	130 00	200 00	.....	40	.....	.....	150 00	587 90
Nebraska.....	.....	20 00	120 00	139 50	.....	8 00	.....	.....	75 00	362 50
Mississippi.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Pennsylvania.....	.....	.....	.....	225 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	225 00
Alabama.....	9 00	5 00	20 00	27 00	25 00	10 00	.....	.....	150 00	246 00
New York.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Tennessee.....	.....	35 00	121 50	222 25	.....	10 00	.....	.....	150 00	601 50
Delaware.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62 75	150 00	160 00
	\$291 97	\$374 50	\$1,866 50	\$3,171 00	\$25 00	\$218 40	\$25 00	\$63 50	\$1,650 00	\$7,685 87

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT of Receipts of Grand Secretary,
after the close of the Annual Report, and not including
September 18, 1871—continued.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Dismissal Certificates.	Odes.	Books.	Rep. Tax.	Total.
Michigan.....	\$116 00	\$150 00	\$266 00
Virginia.....	12 00	75 00	87 00
California.....	\$5 00	90 00	150 00	245 00
New Jersey.....	\$20 00	.....	100 00	150 00	270 00
Mississippi.....	75 00	75 00
New York.....	150 00	150 00
Tennessee.....	36 00	75 00	111 00
Vermont.....	75 00	75 00
Alabama.....	75 00	75 00
	\$20 00	\$5 00	\$354 00	\$975 00	\$1,354 00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—continued.

	Charter.	Dues.	Diplomas.	Cards.	Books.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Monroe Lodge No. 8, of Virginia.....	\$2 50	.....	\$2 50
McKee Encampment, No. 15, of N. C.....	\$2 40	.....	09	2 49
James Yourston, of Lower Prov. B.N.A.....	2 50	.....	2 50
Charles Betz, of Penn. Ridgely Encampm't.....	\$150 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00
No. 1, Nebraska.....	\$7 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 35
Hesperian Encamp't. No. 2, Nebraska.....	30 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 36
Hope Encamp't, No. 2, W. T.....	\$30 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	42 00
Augustus Pfaff, of Pennsylvania.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
T. Rogers Johnson, of California.....	150 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00
Plattsmouth Encamp't No. 3, Nebraska.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00
	\$30 00	\$16 71	\$306 00	\$2 40	\$17 00	09	\$402 20

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Cards.....	Statement.....	\$1,961 49	
	Supplementary	1,868 90	\$11,830 39
Books.....	Statement.....	11,041 04	
	Supplementary	3,552 00	14,593 04
Balance.....	Statement.....	1,617 28	
	Supplementary	291 97	1,909 25
Charters.....	Statement.....	390 00	
	Supplementary	30 00	420 00
Odes.....	Statement.....	1,135 00	
	Supplementary	379 50	1,514 50
Diplomas	Statement.....	793 50	
	Supplementary	331 00	1,124 50
Dismissal Certificates....	Statement.....	831 20	
	Supplementary	238 40	1,069 60
Rebekah Certificates....	Statement.....	204 50	
	Supplementary	25 00	229 50
Miscellaneous.....	Statement.....	370 17	
	Supplementary	53 59	423 76
Tracts.....	Statement.....	1 00	
			1 00
Dues.....	Statement.....	818 54	
	Supplementary	46 71	865 25
Representative tax.....	Statement.....	6,225 00	
	Supplementary	2,625 00	8,850 00
			\$12,830 79

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. and R. Secretary.*

The hour fixed for adjournment, 3 o'clock, having arrived, the Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 20, 1871—9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

FRED. D. STUART.....M. W. Grand Sire.
C. A. LOGAN.....R. W. D. G. Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
STUART W. CAYCE.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JAMES SMITH.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRE.

JOHN A. KENNEDY.....New York.
THOMAS SHERLOCK.....Ohio.
GEORGE W. RACE.....Louisiana.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....Tennessee.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives present and declared them to be duly qualified; whereupon, by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. FOULK, of Delaware, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Bro. KENNEDY, P. G. Sire, asked and obtained leave to be excused from serving on the Special Committee on Distinctive Regalia.

The CHAIR named on said Committee, as chairman, Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania.

Rep. WISE, of Missouri, presented a petition for a Grand Encampment in Colorado, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. WISE, of Missouri, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That in case illegal ballots be cast upon a ballot for membership in a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment (such illegality being that the brothers voting upon such applications were disqualified by the By-Laws of the Subordinate,) such ballot may be declared void by the presiding officer and a new ballot immediately had.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the cordial invitation to a public reception at the residence of JOHN G. ROGERS, P. G. M., and P. G. R. of the Jurisdiction of Illinois, on Friday evening, September 22d, 1871, so courteously extended to this Grand Body, be and the same is hereby accepted.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Resolved, That the resolution in reference to granting Dismissal Certificates without vote, found on page 4932 of the Journal of last Session, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Rep. COHEN, of Arkansas, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

Resolved, That in order to promote the propagation of the Order in the Encampment branches of the same in Districts under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a proper appropriation be made by this Grand Body to defray the actual expenses of such Grand Officer of said District or Districts while performing said duty.

Rep. COHEN, of Arkansas, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

Resolved, That all Past Grand Sires attending the meetings of this Grand Body are hereby, and shall be, entitled to mileage and per diem as Representatives while attending the Sessions of this R. W. G. L.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the cordial and fraternal address of welcome to this Grand Lodge by Bro. JOHN G. ROGERS, P. G. Representative of Illinois, with the reply thereto by the M. W. G. Sire, be published in our Journal of Proceedings.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee to whom all the decisions of the Grand Sire have been referred, beg leave to report, that upon examination they find the first decision (which is not numbered, but will be found at the bottom of page 13 of the Grand Sire's Report)—and of the numbered decisions to be found on pages 14 and 15 of that report—that the 6th, 7th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 24th involve matters affecting the Work of the Order, and therefore have been improperly referred.

The Committee recommend that the decisions above mentioned be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Respectfully submitted.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
JNO. H. WHITE,
JAMES PIERCE,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
JOSEPH D. TRAPP,
CHAS. H. RAWLINGS,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
I. C. STAFFORD.

Rep. ELLIS, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois to have the Ritual of the Subordinate Lodges translated into the Scandinavian tongues.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, presented the appeal of WILLIAM H. BARNES, of New York, P. G. M., which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. TAYLOR, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That such legislation be had by this Grand Body as to provide for a representation of Rebekah Degree Lodges in State Grand Bodies.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee have examined in detail the books, accounts and vouchers of the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer for the Fiscal year just closed, and take great pleasure in saying they have found the same correct, not a single discrepancy appearing.

Fraternally submitted.

THOS. C. PORTER,
W. T. CURRY,
H. E. DODGE,
JOHN MATHESON,
J. MARIS,
C. LANEY MEYER,
RALPH WILLIAMS,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
O. B. WHITTIN.

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the resolution found on pages 4394 and 4418, defining the Flag of our Order, be amended by adding after the word "crooks" the following: "to be painted or wrought in purple color."

Rep. MEYER, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Grand Body at the last Session, to be found on page 4834 of the Journal of Proceedings thereof, whereby Subordinate Lodges and Encampments are prohibited from meeting for work or other business on Sundays, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and that the subject matter be left to the several State Grand Bodies for their legislation.

Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, Committee appointed at the last Session of this R. W. Grand Body to propose and report to this Session a suitable form of a *funeral service*, would report, that we have not had the benefit of the counsel and advice of the other members of this Committee. We want one that will be suitable upon all occasions. P. G. Sire VEITCH has presented us with a form which, after amending in several particulars, we herewith submit as the most suitable of any that has been received.

M. J. DURHAM,
T. J. DRIGGS,
W. H. THOMPSON.

Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of ROBERT BELL from the action of Dayton Lodge, No. 5, of the Jurisdiction of Nevada, would report that this R. W. Grand Lodge can not entertain said appeal. Said appeal should have been to the Grand Lodge of Nevada before application to this R. W. Grand Body. ROBERT BELL had been tried by Dayton Lodge, and expelled. He appealed to the Grand Lodge of Nevada; the action of Dayton Lodge was reversed, and it was directed to reinstate Mr. BELL. He was again tried on other charges, and expelled, and he appeals directly to this Grand Lodge. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of ROBERT BELL from the action of Dayton Lodge, No. 5, be, and the same is hereby dismissed, but without any prejudice to his right of appeal to the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

M. J. DURHAM,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
J. F. ALEXANDER,
ERIE J. LEECH,
GEO. K. BIRCHETT,
WM. K. SMITH,
CHAS. E. PERKINS,
JAMES P. SANDERS,
A. L. SPEAR.

Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, in the matter of appeal of Southern Lodge, No. 41, of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, against the action of that R. W. Grand Body, would report, that the ground of appeal is as follows: Southern Lodge, No. 41, passed a By-Law concerning sick benefits with the

proviso inserted therein, viz.: "Provided, That in case a brother sick and drawing benefits for twelve months in succession, the ll reduce this sum to two dollars per week."

Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania there is a Com-Laws in that Jurisdiction composed of three members, whose duty unine the By-Laws proposed by the Subordinate Lodges, and ap-ject the same. This Committee, upon application to approve said truck out said proviso, but approving the remainder of said By-om the action of said Committee, said Lodge appealed to the Grand Pennsylvania, asking said Grand Lodge to direct said Committee said By-Law, which request was refused, and from the action of

Lodge said Subordinate has appealed to this R. W. Grand Body. ed that there is no right of appeal to this Body in such a case. opinion that the right of appeal exists, and that it is the duty of Body to look into said appeal and decide the same on its merits. ing parts of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of

nia have a bearing upon this question :
711, Section 2, of said Constitution is as follows: "The Grand ll have some general form of Constitution and Rules of Order vernment of all Subordinate Lodges, which shall be furnished e which now is, or hereafter may be, acting under a Warrant ssued by her, which Constitution shall be considered as the law such Subordinate Lodge is to be governed in the transaction of s, except so far as relates to the financial apportionment thereon to which each Lodge shall have the power to make By-Laws, : own wisdom they shall deem best, which by-laws they may mend at pleasure, subject to the approval of the Committee on

cle XV, Section 2, of their By-Laws is as follows: "It shall be the e Committee on By-Laws in conjunction with the D. D. G. M's. e and approve all By-Laws submitted to them through the Juris- d without their approval no By-Law shall be valid."
and Body, in passing upon the question of finances, made the decision in 1869:

ge may make By-Laws limiting the amount of benefits to a mem- ay be entitled thereto to a sum not less than two dollars per week, v of present application may classify the dues and benefits of its bove the minimum rates."

: of opinion that there is nothing in said By-Law proposed in con- he Constitution or Laws of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, uthorized by both. Said Subordinate had the right to have any ot in conflict with the Constitution and Law of the Grand Lodge. the right to have any By-Law on the subject of finance as in their ey might deem best, and although said By-Laws must be approved mmittee on Laws before they could become operative, yet that uthorize said Committee to reject a By-Law which was in accord- the Laws of the Grand Lodge. We are of opinion that if a Sub- that Jurisdiction passes a By-Law in accordance with the Consti- l By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Laws must e same. The expediency or in expediency of a By-Law of said e on the question of finance can not be inquired into by them. ore, reverse the action of the Grand Lodge, and recommend the f the following resolution:

That the appeal of Southern Lodge, No. 41, against the action und Lodge of Pennsylvania be sustained, and the action of said lge be reversed.

M. J. DURHAM,
J. P. SANDERS,
E. J. LEECH,
W. L. SMITH,
C. I. PERKINS,
J. F. SHERMAN,
A. L. SPEAR,
G. K. BIRCHETT.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That hereafter on every order for supplies furnished by this Grand Lodge, amounting to \$200, or upwards, a discount of ten per cent. shall be allowed when cash shall accompany the order.

On motion of Rep. PORTER, of California, the Committees were called for reports.

Rep. CUNNINGHAM, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Constitution, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Section 1, Article II, adopted October, 1870 ;

Also, Section 1, Article VI, and Section 2, Article V, of the Grand Encampment of Kentucky, adopted October, 1870, having carefully examined the same, respectfully present the following :

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Kentucky, above referred to, be approved.

P. L. CUNNINGHAM,
CALEB RAND,
J. H. ROBINSON,
BENJ. FLETCHER, JR.,
JOHN F. MORSE,
H. D. McCARTY,
GEO. DAMON.

- Rep. CUNNINGHAM, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, adopted February 9th, 1871

The Grand Lodge of Arkansas, adopted November, 1870,

The Grand Encampment of Ohio, adopted May, 1871,

And certain amendments to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Section 5, Article III, Section 1, Article XV, and Article XVI, adopted April, 1871, having examined the same, respectfully present the following :

- Resolved*, That the Constitutions and amendments of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the Grand Encampment of Ohio, and the Grand Lodge of Maryland, above referred to, be approved.

P. L. CUNNINGHAM,
CALEB RAND,
J. H. ROBINSON,
BENJ. FLETCHER, JR.,
JOHN F. MORSE,
H. D. McCARTY,
GEORGE DAMON.

Rep. CUNNINGHAM, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, as amended and adopted January 19th, 1871,

The Grand Encampment of Michigan, as amended and adopted January 20th, 1871,

The Grand Lodge of Mississippi, as amended and adopted July, 1871,

And the Grand Encampment of Mississippi, as amended and adopted July, 1871 :

Have examined the same, and respectfully present the following :

Resolved The Constitutions and amendments of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment of Michigan, the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Mississippi, above referred to, be approved.

P. L. CUNNINGHAM,
CALEB RAND,
J. H. ROBINSON,
BENJ. FLETCHER, JR.,
JOHN F. MORSE,
H. D. McCARTY,
GEORGE DAMON.

Rep. BAIRD, of West Virginia, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that, on a careful examination of the Journal of last Session, they find that the Special Committee appointed by the Grand Sire at the last Session has already reported to this Grand Body all of the unfinished business of that Session, with the exception of the report of Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, on "the subject of aiding Lodges in the South," which was laid on the table. Page 4930.

Your Committee would recommend that the report be referred to a Special Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE BAIRD,
ISRAEL HARRIS,
JOHN EVANS,
C. WADLEIGH,
MINOT T. LANE.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's Report as relates to Foreign Jurisdictions, and correspondence thereto belonging, and the Report of Special Deputy Grand Sire JOHN F. MORSE, respectfully report that the Committee on Correspondence have given that subject their special attention and will submit a report thereon, and ask that the same may be referred to the Committee on Correspondence, and that this Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES,
HUGH LATHAM,
E. GOVER COX,
WM. H. FOULK,
R. J. S. WISE,
M. S. DOWDEN,
JOHN T. GIVEN,
W. C. EARL,
D. McLAREN.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Sire's Report in reference to the introduction of Odd-Fellowship into the West India Islands, respectfully report : That, in the opinion of the Committee, it would be highly proper to continue the authority of the M. W. G. Sire, R. W. D. G. Sire, and the R. W. Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary, given to them at the Session of 1870, to take such action in the premises as in their judgment may be deemed proper.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES,
HUGH LATHAM,
M. S. DOWDEN,
W. C. EARL,
WM. H. FOULK,
R. J. S. WISE,
JNO. T. GIVEN,
E. GOVER COX,
D. McLAREN.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred a resolution offered by Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, in the following words :

"Resolved, That hereafter no publication be made in the Journal of the G. L. U. S. of the causes for which the penalty of expulsion from the Order has been or should be inflicted ;"

Would respectfully report that in order to accomplish the purpose of the resolution a change in the tenth article of the By-Laws will be necessary. We would further report that we are advised that an amendment to that By-Law has been proposed, and as we believe the proposition to be one of great propriety, we take the liberty of expressing the hope that it may be adopted.

W. C. EARL,
J. W. STOKES,
R. J. S. WISE,
WM. H. FOULK,
JNO. T. GIVEN,
M. S. DOWDEN,
E. GOVER COX,
HUGH LATHAM,
D. McLAREN.

Rep. ADKISON, of Nevada, submitted the following query, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee :

The Representatives of Nevada, instructed by their Grand Lodge, ask the following question :

Can the Grand Lodge of Nevada hold a Session in the Territory of Utah, which is attached to the Jurisdiction of Nevada ?

Rep. CANNIFF, of Kansas, submitted the following query from the Grand Lodge of Kansas, in obedience to its instructions,

which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

“ Is it competent for a Subordinate Lodge to entertain a motion to adjourn before all the orders of the evening have been called ; or is it necessary that the N. G. shall call the order of business as laid down in the Charge Book ? ”

Rep. FURST, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

WHEREAS, The present translation of the German Ritual is very imperfect ;
Therefore, Resolved, That a Special Committee of three be appointed to revise and correct said translation and Ritual.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Report of the M. W. Grand Sire as refers to the abuse of the name, and the use of the emblems of the Order, beg leave to report, that they are aware of the importance of the subject, and are satisfied that some further legislation is necessary to secure our Institution against injury from its being used in furtherance of private ends, by persons affiliated with us, who do not understand that they are prohibited from appealing to our membership, *as such*, to carry on their private business and to bring themselves pecuniary advantage.

The only legislation on the subject consists of a decision of the Committee on the State of the Order. See Journal, 1849 ; pages 1401, 1471, 1485. Also Digest of 1870, page 127, section 588. It reads as follows : “ A member of the Order cannot use any of the emblems belonging to the Order in connection with any advertisement, or of public display, not directly appertaining to the wants of the Order.”

It will be seen that the use of the *emblems* is here alone referred to, and not the use also of the names or titles of the Order, or of the officers and leading members of the Order, *as such*, for other than purposes authorized by the laws and the nature of our Institution. Although all these may seem to be provided for by a proper interpretation of existing law, yet the acts and complaints referred to by the Grand Sire indicate a necessity for a more explicit enactment. We therefore present the following for your adoption :

Resolved, 1. That no member of the Order shall, either directly or indirectly, use or sanction the use of any of the emblems, the name, or any of the titles, or the mottoes, or the initials thereof, of this Order, in the prosecution of any private business or enterprise.

Resolved, 2. That no member or officer of any Lodge or Encampment of this Order shall, either directly or indirectly, use or permit the use of his name, as such member or officer, in any private business or enterprise.

Resolved, 3. That a member of the Order shall not use any of its emblems, its name, or any of its titles, its mottoes or the initials thereof, in any advertisement or public display not authorized by some law of the Order.

Resolved, 4. That any member of the Order or officer of a Lodge or Encampment who shall be guilty of any of the offences defined and set forth in the three preceding resolutions, shall be considered guilty of a fraud upon the Order, and shall be suspended or expelled from membership at the option of his Lodge or Encampment.

Resolved, 5. That the foregoing shall not be construed to apply to any periodical or newspaper now published, or hereafter to be published, in the interests of the Order. *Provided*, That any State Grand Lodge may prohi-

bit the publication of any such periodical or newspaper within its Jurisdiction; after which the foregoing resolutions shall be construed to apply to such publications.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY L. GAREY,
JOHN B. HARMON,
JOHN W. CARTER,
JOHN MEDOLE,
R. S. DURYEA,
JAS. WOODYATT,
JAMES A. PRICE,
ALBERT COHEN,
G. W. RACE.

Rep. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to credit the Grand Encampment of Minnesota with the amount of dues paid by the Subordinate Encampments of said Jurisdiction to this R. W. Grand Lodge, for the term ending June 30, 1871, the Grand Encampment of Minnesota having been instituted prior to that date.

On motion of Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, the Lodge agreed to consider the business pending, in order, as it appears on the Journal.

The first subject appearing on the Journal, page 5123, being the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, was considered and adopted.

The next subject, page 5124, being the report of the Special Committee on the Constitution, was considered, when, on the motion of Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, the further consideration of the subject was made the special order for to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

Rep. ROSS, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That it is the right of any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment by a majority vote to declare an office vacant, when the installed officer has for three or more successive meetings failed to attend and discharge the duties of the office, or furnish a satisfactory reason for absence. That all laws inconsistent with the above are hereby repealed.

Rep. CLARK, of Vermont, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to credit the Grand Encampment of Vermont with the dues paid by the Subordinate Encampments of said Jurisdiction to this R. W. Grand Lodge for the term ending June 30, 1871, the Grand Encampment of Vermont having been instituted prior to that date.

Rep. PORTER, of California, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That hereafter in all Jurisdictions wherein a Representative system of membership of Grand Lodges has been adopted, the power to vote for such Grand Officers shall be confined to such Representative.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, presented by Rep. GLENN, as follows:

Resolved, That the Representatives of the Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to petition that body to alter or amend Sect. 44 of the new Digest, (pages 90, 91,) so as to allow the names and numbers of defunct Lodges to be granted to other Lodges, where it shall be evident to this Grand Lodge that such defunct Lodges can never be re-organized by their original members: Beg leave to report that they can find no reasons for the change asked for, and none have been furnished by the Grand Lodge of Georgia. This Committee has repeatedly had the same point substantially before them, and have never as yet heard any sufficient reason alleged for the passage of the law petitioned for. They therefore report the following:

Resolved, That it is not expedient to alter the law on the subject of the use of the numbers and names of defunct Lodges by Lodges about to be established.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN B. HARMON,
JOHN MEDOLE,
R. S. DURYEA,
JOHN W. CARTER,
ALBERT COHEN,
JAMES WOODYATT,
JAMES A. PRICE,
G. W. RACE.

On motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge agreed to consider the pending amendments to the Constitution.

The first proposed amendment, page 4961, Journal, was considered as follows :

Amend Article XI of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States by striking out the word "annually" and inserting the word "biennially" in the first line of said article.—*Page 4829.*

On motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, same page, as follows, was considered :

Amend Article I, Section 1, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, so that the same shall read as follows:

"This Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the Most Worthy Supreme Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows."

Amend all subsequent articles and sections by substituting "the Supreme" for "this Grand," whenever the latter words occur; and for "the Grand," where these words are used with reference to the Grand Lodge of the United States.—*Page 4831.*

On motion of Rep. Cox, of Maryland, the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment on same page, as follows, was considered:

That Section 5, Article I, of the Constitution, be amended by striking out the words "by unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "with the concurrence of four-fifths of all the Representatives," so that the section as amended will read as follows:

SECTION 5, ARTICLE I. To this Grand Lodge belongs the power to regulate and control the Unwritten Work of the Order, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which appertain thereto; and to it alone belongs the power to provide and establish suitable lectures and other Written Work therefor; but the Unwritten Work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except "*with the concurrence of four-fifths of all the Representatives*" of this Grand Lodge; nor shall the Written Work of the Order be in any wise altered or amended, except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of this Grand Lodge.—*Page 4847.*

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved to adopt the amendment.

Pending the consideration of the question, the hour fixed for recess, viz: 12 o'clock, having arrived, the CHAIR declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, when, by general consent, on motion of Bro. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, the following resolution was considered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That R. W. Grand Secretary RIDGELY and S. D. G. Sire and G. Rep. MORSE be respectfully requested to furnish to this R. W. G. Lodge copies of their addresses made this day, at the presentation ceremony, for insertion in the minutes of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S JEWEL TO BRO. JOHN F. MORSE, SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND SIRE FOR GERMANIC EUROPE AND REPUBLIC OF SWITZERLAND.

Bro. JOHN A. KENNEDY, Past Grand Sire, read the following letter:

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY R. W. GRAND LODGE OF
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
San Francisco, August 21, 1871.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I am directed by a committee representing the Lodges in this city to request that you will, on behalf of the brotherhood of San Francisco, do them the honor of presenting, at the next Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, a small memento of their good will and fraternal regards to our worthy Brother, JOHN F. MORSE.

The testimonial is a jewel of a Grand Representative, and as such we deem

it proper that our brother should be placed in possession of it during the next Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Hoping that you will gratify us in this matter, and add one more to the many obligations for which California Odd-Fellows are indebted to you,

I am fraternally yours,

T. RODGERS JOHNSON, *Secretary of Committee.*

Whereupon Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary RIDGELY made the following address :

Most Worthy Grand Sirs, Brother Morse, Ladies and Gentlemen :

I rise to perform an exceedingly pleasant office, rendered the more so because it is in the service of those I love, and who have ever testified their affection and respect for me ; because they and I mingle our love around one family hearthstone, and worship at one family shrine, which we venerate with a common devotion ; because the subject which has evoked this scene, and the distinguished recipient of the honor to be conferred, each worthily rises to the high level of the occasion.

This duty is devolved by our brethren far away, yet near and dear to us by a common tie and by many pleasant memories. These brethren love Odd-Fellowship, and by their works do testify themselves to be the very peers of the bravest and most gallant of her votaries. I need only say, to assure a generous response to this sentiment from every heart, that I represent to-day the Odd-Fellows of San Francisco, who have charged me with the high office of presenting this beautiful jewel, as a token of their esteem, to one of their most distinguished brethren, who, returning to his native land, after a long and laborious service, has brought with him honor for Odd-Fellowship, honor for them, and honor for himself—trophies of victory achieved by him in the interest of humanity. Allow me, my brother, to describe to you this splendid memorial, and to read in your hearing the beautiful words which are inscribed upon it. It is a Grand Representative's Jewel ; the insignia, whilst conformable to law, display also the taste of the artist, who has ingeniously blended in symbolic union the nationality of the United States and Germany, and the emblems of Odd-Fellowship. The American Eagle, in solid gold, and in full relief, surmounts the whole. The Jewel is seven inches long, weighs seven ounces, and is of eighteen karat gold. Thirty diamonds, fourteen rubies, one garnet, and forty-five pearls embellish it. On the reverse of the medal are engraved the following words :

“Presented to Jno. F. MORSE, S. D. G. S., G. R., and P. G. M. of California, I. O. O. F., by the Lodges of San Francisco, commemorating the successful establishment of the Order in Germany and Switzerland, under his auspices. September, 1871.”

That the love of the generous donors for your character, and their high appreciation of your great service to Odd-Fellowship, might be demonstrated in a manner worthy of themselves and of the important event in the history of our Order which it commemorates, they have, with wise judgment, selected this high theatre, this special occasion, which assembles Representatives from every quarter of our country, this most august presence, as the appropriate place in which the presentation should be made. Recognizing, as I do, my position in the drama, as incidental to this idea, I sincerely thank my brethren of San Francisco for the high compliment.

I commit it to your hands with emotions of pleasure, which are inseparable from episodes so fragrant of the higher and purer emanations of the human heart. It is a most lovely creation of mingled genius and art ; covered all over with precious stones and sparkling gems, it is emblematic at once of beauty, of purity, and of excellence combined ; it is the offering of pure love and exalted admiration of personal worth, and well have the brethren discerned a true subject for such honorable distinction.

That you will wear this exquisite gem worthily, the sterling virtues which adorn your private life give the most indubitable evidence ; that you will so appreciate and cherish the sentiment which it represents, as to draw from its moral fresh incentives to duty, is assured by your characteristic zeal for the general good.

Having now acquitted myself of the special duty assigned to me, it would,

perhaps, best become me to yield the floor to you : but, my brother, I feel that on such an occasion, however in itself pleasurable, it is fitting to look beyond the "*res gesta*" to the instructive lessons which it so eloquently suggests.

We have a splendid Institution, and its capacity for good is scarcely known to ourselves, much less so to the general public. Long have I felt the force of this truth, and, in my frequent musings upon the destiny of Odd-Fellowship, my imagination has wrought out, with prophetic ken, a grand consummation, which has never ceased to impress, me as the certain and inevitable fruit of its sublime principles ; but, in the midst of these pleasant reveries, the ideal has always been associated with a far distant future. It never occurred to me that I should live to witness the glorious unfolding of the seals ; to look upon the dawn of this bright and beautiful day. I thank God for the revelation, and that such has been the influence upon the human race of the principles which underlie Odd-Fellowship, that men, and peoples, and governments are succumbing to their mighty power, and the promise now is, that results in the interest of an advancing and improving humanity, which a little while ago were deemed to be distant in the far future, are being accelerated and quickened into life, forming the active events of the passing present.

You, sir, and your official administration as Special Deputy Grand Sire for Germanic Europe and the Republic of Switzerland, present a graphic illustration in this regard. You have, by admirable skill, great energy and determination of character, combined with a wise and discreet diplomacy, succeeded in planting Odd-Fellowship in the genial soil of Germany and of Switzerland, and under such happy and cheering auspices as to assure, with reasonable care, its general diffusion in Europe.

As a matter of course, many varied and formidable obstacles interposed themselves, which superadded weight to your labors and hindrances to your progress. All these you conquered, and in so doing your triumph is the greater, our obligation the more profound, and your honor the higher and more enduring.

It is well, however, that while we rejoice and felicitate ourselves upon this great acquisition, to consider our increased responsibilities and duties in this important connection.

The Lodges which you have instituted in Europe, although inaugurated under circumstances of great promise, and when you left them highly prosperous, yet will need the fostering care of this Parent Body for some time to come. Should this responsibility and duty be properly met on our part, the future of Odd-Fellowship imagination itself can not adequately depict, and your fame, inseparably indented as it is with its universality, will be as imperishable as the Order itself.

True it is that you have, as a successful and able pioneer, already accomplished a grand work. True it is, that your name already occupies an elevated niche in the temple of Odd-Fellowship, as a founder of a new era in its career ; but the future, the great future, involves far more precious interests, far greater considerations, far higher values to our Order and to your fame, since it concerns their duration for centuries to come. History is being woven at this very hour, the most important, eminently so, in the career of our Order ; we are now forging the last link, which constitutes our triple chain—the link which connects the great future with the present and the past. From this time forth a new field is opened up to our laborers, the seed has been cast upon a willing furrow ; the harvest to be reaped will bend more or less luxuriantly to our moral sickle, as the husbandman shall care more or less for the tender germ. The past of Odd-Fellowship is a grand record ; with the teeming present in the midst of which we stand we have reason to be satisfied ; we rejoice that you have unveiled our future, and rolled it out like a beautiful panorama, through the shifting scenes of which we are to pass beyond all peradventure to a glorious consummation. It is curious to observe in the course of human events how men, who are peculiarly fitted for a crisis by pre-eminent ability, are brought abruptly from retirement to the surface, who seize upon and utilize salient opportunities, which would be barren in the hands of thousands. I congratulate our beloved Order, that just such a benefactor has been vouchsafed to us, by a

kind Providence. I congratulate you, sir, upon our auspicious future, which like the beautiful bow of promise as the fruit of your genius now spans our moral horizon. I congratulate the Grand Lodge of the United States, that emerging from clouds and darkness the life-long struggle of our Order has culminated in a meridian sun. I congratulate California, that she has displayed discernment and generous appreciation of high qualities of heart and mind, and thus strengthened your arm for future services. I congratulate you, sir, upon that priceless reward, which is yours, of having acted well your high office, and upon the pride and pleasure which such consciousness always inspires, and which will ever cheer your heart through the chequered scenes of life.

At the conclusion of the Address, Special Deputy Grand Sire MORSE replied as follows :

Most Worthy Grand Sire, Bro. Ridgely, Ladies and Gentlemen :

Gratitude, we all know, is the only equivalent for such kindness, and perhaps there is no form of gratitude which is more readily accepted than that which is inexpressible. At this moment, it is difficult to suppress a feeling, which it is quite impossible to demonstrate in language. There is a charm in the recognition and kindness of strangers, or those who have an imperfect knowledge of one's character ; but beyond and superior to this charm is that fascination which springs from an unqualified souvenir of confidence and praise coming from those who are conversant with all the weaknesses and follies of the subject whom they would distinguish by a public acknowledgment.

I feel that I have talked too much since my return to America, and I am tremulous with fear in adding, under such circumstances, that which seems necessary upon this occasion. I must once more deal with the elements of grateful acknowledgment special and general, and to you, R. W. Grand Secretary, whom my special friends and brothers have selected to make this presentation, which you have done with such inimitable eloquence, I desire to bring the first tribute of a warm and throbbing heart. For thirty-one years you have discharged the high function of permanent Pilot in one of the grandest Crafts of human benevolence that ever floated upon the treacherous elements of the sea of life. In calm and storm, in sunshine and darkness, our Pilot has always been found at the wheel, and the bow of the noble barque has never been allowed to make any dangerous deviation from those channels of Friendship, Love, and Truth, which constitute the only basis of a true and living Brotherhood of man. You have grown gray in the service, but you are still at your post. God has been very good to you and to us. Let us thank God, let us thank the revered subject of His kindness ! To you, M. W. G. Sire, whose endorsement, whose kind words and sympathy, have given strength where endurance was necessary ; to you, Bro. P. G. Sire FARNSWORTH, whose name gave vitality to my commission and whose soul seemed enlisted in the extension of the boundaries of our Order ; to you, Bro. P. G. S. KENNEDY, whom the Fraternity will some day consecrate with fadeless and eternal memories of veneration, of love and gratitude,—to you, whose correspondence was an embodied joy ; to you, Bro. P. G. Sires, who are pleased still to visit us in our annual legislation, the venerable monuments of noble services, of experience and accumulated wisdom, whom the Order can not too highly honor, can not too liberally cherish ; to you, Brother Representatives, freighted with honorable and honoring commissions from the varied Jurisdictions of our growing Fraternity, and to the Odd-Fellowship press, whose omnipresence and power make it the best of missionaries, and to the vast Brotherhood at large, I desire to express my warmest thanks for the honors accorded me,—the encouragement, the forbearance and unmerited praise with which you have been pleased to associate my name.

To my brothers, my neighbors, my friends, from San Francisco, whose warm hearts are sacredly symbolized and personated in this beautiful, material covenant of fraternal regard, I must add a word of special acknowledgment.

To these brothers, the cause of Odd-Fellowship, when eagerly seeking the means of extending the hand of brotherhood to Germany and Switzerland, to these free, generous, warm-hearted brothers of San Francisco alone, we must acknowledge the glorious credit of having contributed nearly \$2,300 to sustain the Germanic Mission, and bring about those results which have established a new epoch, which have inaugurated a new era in our heaven-born fraternity. That is the highest compliment they can receive. Indeed, I dare not elaborate upon this theme, for it seems too much like an obtrusive praise of one's own kindred. But were they of New York or Boston, of Philadelphia or Baltimore, I would say that, while they may become vain in contemplating the result of their labors, they never, never can be too intimately blended in recollection, nor too frequently referred to as worthy of imitation.

It is not necessary to consume more of your time; and as I never can think of these brothers except in connection with the throbbing ecstasy of gratitude, I beg leave in conclusion to repeat what I have once said to them:

"Long be my heart with such memories fill'd,
Like the vase in which roses have once been distill'd;
You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still."

The Lodge now proceeded to the consideration of the business pending at the time of recess, to wit, the motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, to adopt the pending amendment to the Constitution, page 4951, as follows:

That Section 5, Article I, of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "by unanimous vote," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "with the concurrence of four-fifths of all the Representatives," so that the section as amended will read as follows:

SECTION 5, of Article I. To this Grand Lodge belongs the power to regulate and control the Unwritten Work of the Order, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which appertain thereto; and to it alone belongs the power to provide and establish suitable lectures and other Written Work therefor—but the Unwritten Work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended except "*with the concurrence of four-fifths of all the Representatives*" of this Grand Lodge; nor shall the Written Work of the Order be in any wise altered or amended except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of this Grand Lodge.—Page 4947.

Rep. WILDMAN, of Indiana, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment?" which was resolved in the negative, three fourths not having appeared in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adkison, Alexander, Archer, Baker, Caniff, Carter, Clark, Cohen, Colton, Cunningham, Curtis, Dolson, Drake, Driggs, Earl, Ellis, Harris, Evans, Foulk, Furst, Gardiner, Garey, Glenn, of Georgia, Glenn, of Iowa, Haseltine, Henning, Hickok, Hubbard, Hudson, Kent, Lamberton, Lanphear, Leech, Lindenberg, McCarty, McLaren, Madden, Mangham, Maris, Partridge, Perkins, Porter, of Massachusetts, Rand, Randlett, Robbe, Sharp, Shields, Simmons, Simpson, Smith, of Connecticut, Stafford, Stokes, Taylor, Ticknor, Turner, Wadleigh, Westfall (2 votes), White, Whitten, Wickersham, Wildman, Wilkerson, Williams, of Alabama (2 votes), Williams, of Minnesota, Wise, Woodyatt—68.

NAYS.—Barber, Barrows, Birchett, Brown, Cox, Curry, Damon, Davis, Dean, Dodge, Dowden, Driscoll, Durham, Duryea, Fairchilds, Fitzhugh,

Fletcher, Given, Hamilton, Harmon, Johnson, Lane, Latham, McLean (2 votes,) Matheson, Medole, Morse, Nungesser (2 votes,) Olney, Phillips, Pierce, Porter, of California, Price, Rawlings, Richardson, Robinson, Ross, Sexton, Smith, of North Carolina, Spear, Stinson, Towl, Trapp, Underwood, Vance (2 votes,) Vandegriff, Varney, Whittaker, Whitney, Wroth—53.

By unanimous consent, Pep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That from and after the first day of January, 1872, the price of Cards and Dismissal Certificates be ten cents each.

The CHAIR submitted the following invitation, which was, on motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, accepted:

THE CHICAGO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,
METROPOLITAN BLOCK, No. 50 LaSalle Street, (up stairs,)
CHICAGO, Sept. 18, 1871.

DEAR SIR:

I am directed by the Executive of this Association to give the members of your influential body, now assembled in convention, a cordial invitation to visit the Library and News-room, and accept the privileges thereof during their stay in Chicago.

Hoping we will have the pleasure of the acceptance of yourself and friends of our invitation and good wishes,

I remain, yours truly,

W. R. LANAHUE,

Recording Secretary I. R.

To F. D. STUART, Esq., the Grand Sire of the G. L. U. S. Order of Odd-Fellows, United States.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the proposition of Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, to amend the third resolution, found on page 4892 of the Journal of 1870, by adding thereto, after the word "By-Laws," the words, "or such lesser sum as may be fixed by the By-Laws of the Lodge to which such application is made," would respectfully report that they have carefully considered the subject, and are of the opinion that the principle involved in the foregoing proposition should be incorporated into the resolution of last Session referred to, as it will afford desirable relief to that class of members who may have been in a state of suspension for non-payment of dues, for more than twelve months and less than twenty-four months, in Lodges where the initiation fee may be deemed excessive and unjust as the amount to be required for a reinstatement.

The Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, in lieu of the third resolution on page 4892 of the Journal, Session 1870:

Resolved, That after one year from the date of suspension, a member dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon the payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age, as prescribed by the By-Laws, or such lesser sum as may be fixed by the By-Laws of the Lodge to which such application is made; provided such sum be not less than the amount of one year's dues of said Lodge.

Resolved, That all provisions inconsistent with the foregoing be and the same are hereby repealed.

Respectfully presented,

JOHN MEDOLE,
HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN B. HARMON,
G. W. RACE,
JOHN W. CARTER,
JAMES A. PRICE,
R. S. DURYEA,
ALBERT COHEN,
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of P. G. Sire NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, as follows:

Resolved, That Lodges paying weekly benefits to sick members of other Lodges upon Visiting Cards, shall be required to give notice to the Lodges to which such sick brothers belong of the sickness of the brothers, and of the amount of benefits paid, within six weeks of the time of taking charge of the sick brothers, and every six weeks thereafter during the continuance of the sickness, under pain of not being entitled to claim more than six weeks' benefits from the Lodge to which the sick brothers belong.

Having considered the subject, would report, that as no complaints have been made to this Grand Lodge growing out of existing regulations relative to the foregoing subject, they do not deem further legislation necessary at this time, and would ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MEDOLE,
HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN B. HARMON,
G. W. RACE,
JOHN W. CARTER,
R. S. DURYEA,
JAMES WOODYATT,
ALBERT COHEN,
JAMES A. PRICE.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, from the Finance Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. SMITH, of North Carolina, to be found on page 5120, Journal, would report:

That the Grand Encampment of North Carolina is indebted to this R. W. Grand Lodge for dues to the amount of \$225, and under its present status it is impossible to pay the same.

There are now six Encampments in North Carolina working under this R. W. Grand Lodge, and if this amount of indebtedness can be remitted they will be enabled to again revive the Grand Encampment of North Carolina, and this being done, it is thought a large number of new Encampments will be started at once, and this R. W. Grand Lodge will soon receive more from that Jurisdiction for Supplies than the present indebtedness.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution :

Resolved, That the dues of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina to the R. W. Grand Lodge of U. S. be and are hereby remitted.

THOS. C. PORTER,
W. T. CURRY,
O. B. WHITTEN,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
J. MARIS,
C. LANEY MEYER,
H. E. DODGE,
JOHN MATHIESON,
RALPH WILLIAMS.

Rep. Cox, of Maryland, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. TRAPP, of Kentucky, in the words following : That a copy of the Secret Work and Diagrams illustrating the same be prepared for and furnished to each of the State and Territorial Grand Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, etc., beg leave to report :

The stability and permanency of our Order should be maintained by every means calculated to strengthen it, at the same time it should be guarded from innovations that threaten to undermine its very foundation. We believe the adoption of the resolution would be, in effect, to publish to the world our Secret Work, and overturn the grand fabric of Odd-Fellowship. We believe that there should not be another copy of the Secret Work and Diagrams illustrating the same added to the present number, and that should the necessity arise on account of injury or defacement of the present Work, it should be made the duty of the Grand Officers to destroy the original which may have been replaced by the new copy. We therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That it would be highly injudicious and fraught with danger of the most serious kind to furnish any Jurisdiction with a copy of the Secret Work and Diagrams.

E. GOVER COX,
J. W. STOKES,
HUGH LATHAM,
JNO. Y. GIVEN,
M. S. DOWDEN,
D. McLAREN,
WM. H. FOULK,
R. J. S. WISE,
W. C. EARL.

Rep. PRICE, of Missouri, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, as follows :

Resolved, That hereafter the name of any person, while living, shall not be used as the chartered name or title for any Lodge or Encampment to be instituted under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or under that of any Jurisdiction subordinate thereto, beg leave most respectfully to

report that we have duly considered and recommend the adoption of the same. We, therefore, offer the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the above resolution, offered by Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, be and the same is hereby adopted.

JAMES A. PRICE,
HENRY F. GAREY,
R. S. DUYREA,
JOHN MEDOLE,
JOHN W. CARTER,
ALBERT COHEN,
JAMES WOODYATT,
G. W. RACE,
J. B. HARMON.

Rep. COHEN, of Arkansas, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, offered by Rep. SMITH, of Connecticut, viz. : "*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the G. L. U. S., at its next Session, be and are hereby instructed to use their influence to procure such legislation as shall accomplish the following result : that when a brother shall have made a proper application for degrees in his Lodge, the Lodge may open for the purpose of balloting in the highest degree applied for, and grant or deny them all at one ballot, unless there are present members who have not attained said highest degree, yet are further advanced than the applicant, in which case the Lodge shall be first opened and a ballot taken in a lower degree, so as to afford every such member an opportunity to ballot"—have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that they consider the measure as proposed inexpedient, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

ALBERT COHEN,
HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN B. HARMON,
JAMES WOODYATT,
JAMES A. PRICE,
JOHN W. CARTER,
G. W. RACE,
R. S. DURYEA,
JOHN MEDOLE.

Rep. COHEN, of Arkansas, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution of G. R. HUBBARD, of Wisconsin, viz. : "*Resolved*, That the general business of Subordinate Lodges be transacted in the Scarlet Degree," beg leave to report that, after due consideration, they deem it a measure inexpedient, and therefore report adversely upon the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ALBERT COHEN,
HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN B. HARMON,
JAMES WOODYATT,
JAMES A. PRICE,
JOHN W. CARTER,
G. W. RACE,
R. S. DURYEA,
JOHN MEDOLE.

Rep. DURYEA, of South Carolina, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a resolution repealing the 5th, 6th and 7th resolutions found on pp. 4892 and 4893 of Journal of 1870, relative to the issuing of Dismissal Certificates, ask leave to report that they have considered the same, and are of opinion that it would be inexpedient to repeal the resolutions referred to, and they therefore ask the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Respectfully submitted,

R. S. DURYEA,
JOHN W. CARTER,
JOHN MEDOLE,
JAMES WOODYATT,
HENRY F. GAREY,
G. W. RACE,
ALBERT COHEN,
JAMES A. PRICE,
JOHN B. HARMON:

Rep. DURYEA, of South Carolina, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a resolution amending the last clause of resolutions 5, 6 and 7, found in Journal of 1870, at pp. 4892 and 4893, by adding after the words "one dollar" the words "and by a majority vote of the members present," ask leave to report that they have considered the same, and are of opinion that the proposed amendment is unnecessary, and would tend in some measure to defeat the objects of the original resolutions, and they therefore ask the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Respectfully submitted,

R. S. DURYEA,
HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN W. CARTER,
JAMES WOODYATT,
JOHN MEDOLE,
G. W. RACE,
ALBERT COHEN,
JAMES A. PRICE,
JOHN B. HARMON.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the resolutions of the Representatives of California, South Carolina, Louisiana, New York and Kentucky, asking for the repeal of the following resolution :

Resolved, That no Lodge, Encampment, or Degree Lodge shall hold any meeting for work or business upon Sunday, except for funeral purposes, (See Journal 1870, page 4834) beg leave to report : That the question submitted to them is one of the most delicate description, and has been the

subject of patient and careful consideration on their part. Its solution presents many difficulties, which we hope by this report, at least to some extent, to obviate. The Holy Bible is an integral part of Odd-Fellowship, and the Order also demands of its members that they shall not violate the laws of the land, and to every such violation we have annexed a suitable penalty. One of the laws to be found upon the Statute Books of most all of the States is that which protects the first day of the week known as Sunday from the exercise of the employments of the rest of the week. This, with all other enactments made by proper authority, is binding upon us by our Laws. But we cannot see why we should separate it from other subjects, and make it a subject of special legislation. As well make laws prohibiting the excessive use of spirituous liquors, against stealing, murder or arson, and so of all the rest. What acts are crimes or misdemeanors are left to the country in which we live, unless they are offences cognizable only in our tribunals. To be sure, if action should be found necessary in declaring any act a misdemeanor, the proper law should be passed.

But in this case no such necessity has been shown to exist. No complaint has been made to us by any State Grand Body of the violation of what are known as "Sunday Laws," and, so far as we can learn, there is none from any other quarter.

The resolution of 1870 was passed without a moment's consideration, and without reference to the Legislative or any Committee. And when we remember that the State Grand Bodies have regulated this matter for half a century without complaint, and that the Order in that time has never been hindered or injured by their action, we can not but express our astonishment that at this day it should be found necessary to deprive them of their authority, and assume to act in their stead. Believing as we do that this subject is one especially to be regulated by local law, we offer the following for your adoption :

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Body, to be found on page 4834 of the Journal of 1870, on the subject of Lodge work, etc., on Sunday, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That in the repeal of the resolution referred to, this Grand Lodge does not intend to refuse or allow Lodges, Encampments or Degree Lodges to meet and transact their work on Sunday, but simply to transfer to the various State Grand Bodies the right to regulate all such questions by their local law.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN B. HARMON,
G. W. RACE,
JOHN W. CARTER,
JOHN MEDOLE,
R. S. DURYEA,
JAMES WOODYATT,
ALBERT COHEN.

The hour fixed for adjournment, viz., 3 o'clock, having arrived, the Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, Sept. 21, 1871—9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

FRED. D. STUART.....M. W. Grand Sire.
C. A. LOGAN.....R. W. D. G. Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
STUART W. CAYCE.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JAMES SMITH.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAINR. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JOHN A. KENNEDY.....New York.
GEORGE W. RACE.....Louisiana.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....Tennessee.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives present and declared them to be duly qualified; whereupon, by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's Report as relates to the establishment of the Order in South America, hereby report:

We have carefully read the correspondence pertaining to this subject, together with the suggestions embraced in the Grand Sire's Report, and find the sentiments therein contained give promise that the ultimate successful establishment of the I. O. O. F. at Lima, Peru, South America, is not very distant, and to this end we recommend the entire subject be committed to

the M. W. Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Rec. Secretary, to act in the premises as the interest of the Order demands and their own good judgment may suggest.

Fraternally submitted,

M. S. DOWDEN,
J. W. STOKES,
HUGH LATHAM,
E. GOVER COX,
W. C. EARL,
D. McLAREN,
R. J. S. WISE,
JNO. T. GIVEN,
WM. H. FOULK.

Rep. HARMON, of California, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the resolutions introduced by Rep. DODGE, of Rhode Island, page 1521 of the Journal, and the resolutions introduced by Past Grand Sire VEITCH, of Missouri, page 1524 of the Journal, relative to changing the terms of Subordinate Lodges from six to twelve months, report:

That they deem any change in the law upon the subject of the resolutions inexpedient, and submit the following :

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN B. HARMON,
HENRY F. GAREY,
GEO. W. RACE,
JOHN. W. CARTER,
JOHN MEDOLE,
R. S. DURYEA,
ALBERT COHEN,
JAMES A. PRICE,
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred an amendment to the tenth article of the By-Laws, presented by Rep. EARL, of Ohio, in the following words, to wit :

Amend Article X of the By-Laws so as to make it read as follows :

ARTICLE X. Annual Returns shall be made by each State, District, or Territorial Grand Body, in which shall be embraced the names of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, or Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, the time and place of the next Annual Session, the number of Subordinates under its jurisdiction, and the aggregate membership in good standing in the same ; as well as the aggregate number of initiations, reinstatements, admissions by Card, withdrawals by Card, expulsions and deaths, and the number suspended or dropped ; the number of brothers relieved, and the amount of such relief ; the number of widowed families relieved, and amount of relief ; the amount paid for burying the dead ; the amount paid for the education of orphans, and the whole amount of receipts. Forms of these Reports shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge ; said Returns shall be made to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, at least one month prior to the

Annual Meeting of this body, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon in money current in the place where the next Session is to be held.

Having examined the same, find that it contemplates dispensing with the requirement upon State Jurisdiction to report the names of members suspended and cause, the names of members expelled and cause, and the number of rejections, and feeling that the proposed amendment is a judicious one, respectfully offer the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing amendment to the tenth By-Law, presented by Rep. EARL, of Ohio, be and the same is hereby adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,
HENRY F. GAREY,
JAMES A. PRICE,
R. S. DURYEA,
JOHN MEDOLE,
JOHN B. HARMON,
G. W. RACE.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following preamble and resolutions presented by Brother JAMES B. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, (as per Journal) to wit :

" *Whereas*, The unfavorable report of a committee upon the application of a candidate for membership for initiation is a stronger evidence of unworthiness than the rejection of a candidate upon a ballot ; therefore be it

" *Resolved*, That the unfavorable report of a committee, declaring a candidate for initiation to be unworthy of being admitted, shall render a ballot upon the application unnecessary, and the candidate shall be declared to be rejected ;"

Have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report : That, in our opinion, the law governing the matter of applications for membership has answered well the purpose for which it was provided, and that the adoption of the proposed change would be placing in the hands of a committee power that belongs to the Lodge ; hence, we think it is wise to leave the present law on this subject unchanged. We therefore offer, for adoption, the following resolution :

Resolved, That further legislation on the subject contained in the foregoing resolution is inexpedient at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,
HENRY F. GAREY,
JAMES A. PRICE,
R. S. DURYEA,
ALBERT COHEN,
JAMES WOODYATT,
JOHN MEDOLE,
JOHN B. HARMON,
G. W. RACE.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for a Lodge, to be located at "Stuttgart," Kingdom of Wurtemberg, have examined the application, and find that a warrant has already been issued

by Special D. G. Sire for the Germanic States and Switzerland, and, therefore, offer for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Special D. G. Sire for the Germanic States and Switzerland be and is hereby confirmed.

E. J. HAMILTON,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
J. WARD ELLIS,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for an Encampment, to be located at Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, have examined the application, and find a warrant has already been issued, and, therefore, we offer for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers, had in recess, be and is hereby confirmed.

E. J. HAMILTON,
J. W. HUDSON,
J. WARD ELLIS,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for an Encampment, to be located at Hastings, State of Minnesota, have examined the application, and find that a warrant has already been issued, and therefore offer for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers, had in recess, be and is hereby confirmed.

E. J. HAMILTON,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
J. WARD ELLIS,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for a Grand Encampment, to be located at Saint Paul, Minnesota, have examined the application and find a warrant has already been issued, and therefore offer the following resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers, had in recess, be and is hereby confirmed :

E. J. HAMILTON,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
J. WARD ELLIS,
JAMES W. WROTH,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application to establish a Grand Encampment in the State of Vermont, have examined the application, and offer for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers, had in the recess, be confirmed.

E. J. HAMILTON,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
J. WARD ELLIS,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule .

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application of brothers for the organization of a Lodge at Berlin, Prussia, have examined the application, and find that a warrant has already been issued by D. D. G. Sire for Prussia, and therefore offer for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the D. D. G. Sire for Prussia be and is hereby confirmed.

E. J. HAMILTON,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
J. WARD ELLIS,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD.

Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Philip Lowry, Jr., P. G., and twenty-eight other members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, from the action of that Grand Body in adopting the following resolutions, to wit :

"Resolved, That the entire subject of the creation of a fund for an Orphan Asylum be dismissed from the consideration of this Grand Lodge, and that all contributions either from individuals or Lodges be refunded to them.

"Resolved, That the remainder of the funds which were set apart for said purpose be merged in the general Grand Lodge Fund," (Journal Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Session of 1871, p. 454,) beg leave to report :

To understand the question that is submitted for the decision of this Grand Lodge, the facts should be briefly stated. They are as follows :

At the Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held in May, 1867, that body passed the following resolution, to wit :

"*Resolved*, That the *per capita* tax be retained as at present viz.: ten cents per member per term, and that the Grand Officers be directed to reserve two cents per member per term, and invest the same semi-annually, in order to create a permanent fund for the future establishment of an Orphans' Asylum, under the control of the Grand Lodge." Under this resolution the Grand Treasurer reported at the Annual Session, May, 1868, (Journal, p. 154,) that there had been set apart for account of Orphan Asylum Fund, under the above resolution, the sum of \$2,427.52. At the Annual Session of May, 1869, the Finance Committee, in reporting upon the condition of the treasury, reported (Journal, p. 338) "the reservation of two cents per term for two terms of six months each on 69,300 members for account of Orphans' Asylum Fund, as per resolution on page 85 Journal of Annual Session of 1867, \$2,772.00." Again, at the Annual Session of 1870, the Grand Treasurer reported a further reservation of \$3,022.60 for this same purpose.

Up to this time no objections appear to have been made to the setting apart of either of these several sums for said purpose, except in the Report of the M. W. G. M. at the same Session. (Journal, p. 31.)

Besides these the Grand Lodge invited donations from Lodges and individuals to be added to the funds on hand for the establishment of such Asylum; and by the various reports on the Journal of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it appears that considerable sums were donated from Lodges, from individuals and other sources, for that purpose. (Journals 1868, pp. 263, 4; 1869, pp. 370, 1; 1870, p. 166; 1871, p. 409.)

At the Annual Session of 1869 the following resolution was passed, to wit :

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to invest the amount of money now in his hands, or which may be donated for the establishment of an Asylum for Orphans, in the six per cent. loans of the State, and the interest, as collected, to be reinvested in the same manner, until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge, and to report the amounts received from time to time to the Grand Lodge;" and by subsequent reports it appears that the Grand Treasurer acted under that resolution, and has actually invested in said loans the sum of \$9,850, at a cost of \$10,318.29. Your Committee do not deem it necessary to review the arguments of either of the parties to this controversy, as the principle involved was expressly decided by this R. W. Grand Lodge in the appeal of A. L. Stinson from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. (Digest, section 665; Journal of 1870, pp. 4875, 4897.) Your Committee therefore report that the appeal should be sustained so far as relates to the funds which had been received and set apart for said fund prior to the May Session of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania of 1871, and offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the appeal of P. G. Lowry and others vs. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be sustained so far as relates to the sum of \$10,341.99 (including therein the \$9,850 six per cent. loans of the State of Pennsylvania at the cost of \$10,318.29); and it is hereby declared that that sum is a sacred trust for orphans, which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania can not divert from the purposes for which it has been gathered; and it is too late, after recognizing the validity of the appropriations for said purpose, receiving contributions from various sources for the same object, commingling them in a common fund and making investments for the purpose of increasing them by the interest obtained for its use, to endeavor to separate the various sums received and declare that any of them were improperly set apart and should be returned to the common fund. Having been clothed with the garb of "a trust," a trust it must remain.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. J. DURHAM,
J. P. SANDERS,
E. J. LEECH,
W. L. SMITH,
C. E. PERKINS,
J. F. ALEXANDER,
A. L. SPEAR,
G. K. BIRCHETT.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom were referred certain papers purporting to be an appeal of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island from the action of National Lodge, No. 30, of the Jurisdiction of New York, in refusing admission into said Lodge to Bro. E. W. Brunsen upon a Visiting Card duly granted by United Brothers' Lodge, No. 13, of Rhode Island, and the mutilation of said Card, etc., respectfully report—

That upon an examination of the papers, we find that the law of this Grand Lodge has not been complied with ; in that this matter purports to be an appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, when the record itself before us discloses the fact that neither the subject matter nor the paper have ever been before said Lodge. There is no certificate, as is required in such cases. (See Digest, pages 22, 23, Sections 84 and 85.) Therefore your Committee find, that so far as the appeal is concerned, this Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction of the matter. But there seems to be a question of law connected with the case, which, if properly construed, may settle the whole affair to the satisfaction of all concerned, and of which this Grand Lodge may take jurisdiction. Therefore your Committee offer for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the subject matter, with all the papers connected therewith, be referred to the Judiciary Committee, and that the Committee on Appeals be discharged from the further consideration of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH,
CHAS. E. PERKINS,
M. J. DURHAM,
WM. L. SMITH,
A. L. SPEAR,
GEO. K. BIRCHETT,
J. F. ALEXANDER,
R. A. LAMBERTON.

The report being under consideration, Bro. KENNEDY, P. G. Sire, moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the appeal from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, from the action of National Lodge, No. 30, of the Jurisdiction of New York, be returned to that Grand Lodge, with the admonition that the proper course of proceedings in the case would be to complain to the Grand Lodge of New York in the premises.

The question being on the resolution of Bro. KENNEDY, P. G. Sire, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the report of the Committee, it was adopted, and the reference suggested was accordingly made.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Finance would respectfully ask that so much of the Report of the R. W. Grand Secretary as refers to printing the Journal under

the fifteenth resolution of last Session, be taken from the Finance Committee and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. C. PORTER,
For the Committee.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Sire's journal relative to his visitations South, beg leave to state, that much good has resulted from said visits. We are gratified to find that the Order in the Southern Jurisdictions is again assuming the proportions which were so happily enjoyed previous to the war ; through the kind and generous policy of this Grand Lodge, and the liberality of our great brotherhood, the Order in the South was enabled to resume their mission for good at an early day, and, by their energy and perseverance, most of the waste places are now in a flourishing condition.

The late fraternal visits of the M. W. Grand Sire have had a most beneficial and exhilarating effect upon those who were the recipients of his instructions, and we heartily commend a continuance. In the more prosperous portions of this Jurisdiction these visitations may appear superfluous, but they are not ; even there, where wealth and prosperity are so lavishly enjoyed, much good will result from the practice. We fully indorse the opinion of the Grand Sire in regard to the "practical utility" of such visitations, and, that full power may be placed in the hands of the M. W. Grand Sire, we append the following resolutions :

Resolved, Whenever, in the opinion of the M. W. Grand Sire, a necessity shall occur for the advancement and welfare of the Order in any portion of this Jurisdiction, that an official visit should be made, he shall, in person, or by deputy, be empowered to render such service, and the expense of the same shall be charged to this Grand Body.

Resolved, That whenever called upon by any Jurisdiction to make an official visit, said Jurisdiction shall bear the expense incurred by the Grand Sire, or his deputy.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH LATHAM,
J. W. STOKES,
D. McLAREN,
WM. H. FOULK,
JOHN T. GIVEN,
M. S. DOWDEN,
W. C. EARL,
R. J. S. WISE,
E. GOVER COX.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. WHITE, of New York, which is as follows, to wit : "*Resolved*, That the resolution in reference to granting Dismissal Certificates without vote, found on page 4932 of the Journal of Last Session, be and the same is hereby rescinded," having considered the same, respectfully report, that in our

opinion it is inexpedient to make the proposed change, and therefore offer the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation be discharged from further consideration of the above stated resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,
R. S. DURYEA,
JOHN MEDOLÉ,
G. W. RACE,
HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN B. HARMON,
ALBERT COHEN,
JAMES A. PRICE.

Rep. CUNNINGHAM, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendment to Sec. 1, Article VI, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of *Wisconsin*, adopted at their Annual Session in 1871, and the amendment to Sec. 2, Article II, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of *Oregon*, adopted May, 1871, have examined the same, and respectfully present the following :

Resolved, That constitutional amendments of the Grand Lodge of *Wisconsin* and the Grand Lodge of *Oregon*, above referred to, be approved.

P. L. CUNNINGHAM,
CALEB RAND,
H. D. McCARTY,
JOHN F. MORSE,
J. H. ROBINSON,
BENJ. FLETCHER,
GEO. DAMON.

The CHAIR presented the following communication from the Board of Education of Chicago, which, on motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, was accepted with the thanks of the Lodge :

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
32 LaSalle Street,
CHICAGO, Sept. 16, 1871.

J. WARD ELLIS, Esq. :

MY DEAR SIR: In the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F., which is to convene in this city on Monday next, there will be found many friends of Public Schools who would, perhaps, be glad to drop in upon some of the schools of this city. Be pleased to extend to such a cordial invitation to visit any of our schools at any time during their stay.

Should any desire a special escort, it would afford me pleasure to furnish such facilities as are at my command, for an informal visit. My office hour is from 5 to 6, P. M. each day.

Your obedient servant,

J. A. PICKARD, Superintendent of Schools.

Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge shall be allowed five cents per mile in coming to and going from this Grand Lodge, to be computed by the nearest traveled route, and five dollars per day while in Session.

On motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. SPEAR, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the announcements of the decease of Representatives and P. G. Representatives be made the special order of business on to-morrow, the 22d inst., at one o'clock, P. M.

Rep. DURYEA, of South Carolina, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Representatives of New Jersey, proposing certain legislation in relation to the visiting of Past Patriarchs, whether admitted to the Grand Encampment as Past Chief Patriarchs, or Past High Priests visiting in different Jurisdictions, ask leave to report, that they have considered the matter submitted, and are of opinion that the law as it stands is sufficient, and that it would be inexpedient, at this time, to legislate further on this subject ; therefore ask the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That this Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. DURYEA,
HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN B. HARMON,
GEO. W. RACE,
ALBERT COHEN,
JAMES WOODYATT,
JOHN W. CARTER,
JAMES A. PRICE,
JOHN MEDOLE.

Rep. CURRY, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Finance Committee have had under consideration the resolution of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, found on page 5140 of Journal, in the words following : "That hereafter on every order for Supplies furnished by the Grand Lodge amounting to two hundred dollars (\$200) or upwards, a discount of ten per cent. shall be allowed, when the cash shall accompany the order," would report :

That after a canvass of the change proposed to be made in the sale of Supplies by the Grand Lodge to Subordinate Grand Bodies, we fear that if said resolution was adopted, it would not work with that entire fairness to each and every Jurisdiction that would be desired. We understand that a credit is not intended to be given on Supplies sold, but cash is in all cases to be paid. The Committee would then offer the following :

Resolved, That the resolution be not adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

W. T. CURRY,
J. MARIS,
O. B. WHITTEN,
THOS. C. PORTER,
JOHN MATHESON,
C. LANEY MEYER,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
H. E. DODGE,
RALPH WILLIAMS.

Rep. CURRY, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, page 5751 of Journal, in words as follows: "That from and after the 1st day of January, 1872, the price of Cards and Dismissal Certificates be ten cents each," beg leave to report,

That they have carefully considered the same, and believe it would be to the interest of the Order that the same should be passed. Therefore,

Resolved, That the resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. CURRY,
J. MARIS,
O. B. WITTEN,
THOS. C. PORTER,
JOHN MATHESON,
C. LANEY MEYER,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
H. E. DODGE,
RALPH WILLIAMS.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the resolutions offered by Rep. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, (page 5144 of Journal,) and Rep. CLARK, of Vermont, (page 5144,) have considered the same, and would report :

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to credit the Grand Encampments of Minnesota and Vermont, respectively, with the amounts of dues paid by the Subordinate Encampments of said Jurisdictions to this R. W. Grand Lodge, for the term ending June 30th, 1871, the said Grand Encampments of Minnesota and Vermont having been installed prior to that date.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. C. PORTER,
W. T. CURRY,
O. B. WHITTEN,
J. MARIS,
H. E. DODGE,
JOHN MATHESON,
C. LANEY MEYER,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
RALPH WILLIAMS.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, presented the following communication :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Being compelled by the serious illness of a member of my family to return home, I respectfully ask for leave of absence for the remainder of this Session.

Respectfully,

GEORGE BAIRD.

On motion of Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, the leave of absence asked for was granted.

Rep. CURTIS, of Michigan, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Committee on Grand Bodies not represented beg leave to offer the following report : That all Subordinate Jurisdictions are represented at this Session of your R. W. Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. CURTIS,
G. NUNGESEER,
J. A. WILDMAN,
D. B. WHITTAKER,
GEORGE W. VARNEY,
JNO. JOHNSON,
S. G. DOLSON.

Rep. COHEN, of Arkansas, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution offered by Bro. J. S. TICKNOR, of Illinois, viz. :

Resolved, That the Resolution found on pages 4394 and 4418, defining the flag of our Order, be amended by adding after the word "Crooks," the following "to be painted or wrought in purple color," have duly considered the same, and would offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the amendment as offered be sanctioned by this Grand Body.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ALBERT COHEN,
R. S. DURYEA,
HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN B. HARMON,
JAMES WOODYATT,
JOHN W. CARTER,
JOHN MEDOLE,
JAMES A. PRICE,
G. W. RACE.

The CHAIR submitted the application of certain Past Grands, residing in British Columbia, asking for a Charter for a Grand Lodge, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report. The rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, have considered the subject, and would report the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Representatives to this Grand Lodge shall be allowed five (5) cents per mile in coming to and going from the seat of this Grand

Lodge, to be computed by the nearest traveled route, and six dollars (\$6) per day whilst in Session.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. C. PORTER,
W. T. CURRY,
C. LANEY MEYER,
H. E. DODGE,
JOHN MATHESON,
O. B. WHITTEN,
J. MARIS,
HENRY WILLIAMS.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the pending amendments to the Constitution.

The first proposed amendment was considered as follows:

ARTICLE XVI.

SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *Provided, however,* That in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation—*Page 4865.*

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the Constitution was accordingly so amended. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas—Reps. Adkison, Alexander, Archer, Barber, Barrows, Birchett, Brown, Canniff, Carter, Clark, of Vermont, Cohen, Colton, Cox, Cunningham, Curry, Curtis, Damon, Davis, Dodge, Dolson, Dowden, Drake, Driggs, Driscoll, Durham, Duryea, Earl, Ellis, Evans, Fairchilds, Fitzhugh, Fletcher, Foulk, Furst, Gardiner, Garey, Given, Glenn, of Georgia, Glenn, of Iowa, Hamilton, Harmon, Harris, Haseltine, Henning, Hickok, Hubbard, Hudson, Johnson, Kent, Lamberton, Lane, Lanphear, Latham, Leech, (2 votes,) Lindenberg, McCarty, McLaren, McLean, Madden, Mangham, Maris, Matheson, Medole, Meyer, Morse, Nungesser, Olney, Perkins, Pierce, Porter, of California, Porter of Massachusetts, Price, Rand, Randlett, Rawlings, Richardson, Robbe, Robinson, Ross, Sexton, Sharp, Shields, Simmons, Simpson, Smith, Spear, Stafford, Stinson, Stokes, Taylor, Ticknor, Tompkins, Towl, Trapp, Turner, Underwood, Varney, Wadleigh, Westfall, (2 votes,) Whittaker, White, Whitney, Whitten, Wildman, Williams, of Alabama, Williams, of Minnesota, Wilson, Wise, Woodyatt, Wroth—112.

Nays—Reps. Hall, Partridge, Phillips, Smith, of North Carolina—4.

The next amendment proposed was considered as follows:

Amend Article XVII of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVII. The Officers, Representatives, and Past Grand Sires in attendance at each Session of the Grand Lodge (except such officers as may receive fixed salaries) shall receive such rates of mileage and *per diem* as may be determined at each Session, to be paid out of the Treasury of the Grand Lodge.—*Page 4879.*

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. CLARK, of Vermont, moved the previous question, which being

seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas—Reps. Adkison, Alexander, Barber, Barrows, Birchett, Canniff, Carter, Clark, of Vermont, Cohen, Curtis, Damon, Dolson, Driggs, Durham, Ellis, Evans, Fairchilds, Fitzhugh, Foulk, Furst, Glenn, of Georgia, Glenn, of Iowa, Hamilton, Harmon, Harris, Henning, Hickok, Johnson, Kent, Lamberton, Lane, Leech, McCarty, McLaren, Madden, Mangham, Maris, Matheson, Medole, Morse, Nungesser, Pierce, Porter, of California, Randlett, Robinson, Ross, Sexton, Shields, Simmons, Simpson, Smith, of Connecticut, Stafford, Stinson, Stokes, Ticknor, Tompkins, Underwood, Vandegriff, Westfall, (2 votes,) Whittaker, White, Whitney, Wildman, Wilkerson, Williams, of Alabama, Wilson, Wise, Wroth—69.

Nays—Reps. Archer (2 votes,) Baker, Brown, Colton, Cox, Cunningham, Curry, Davis (2 votes,) Dean, Dodge, Dowden, Driscoll, Duryea, Earl, Fletcher, Gardner, Garey, Given, Hall, Haseltine, Hubbard, Hudson, Lantham, Latham, Lindenberg, McLean (2 votes,) Meyer, Olney, Partridge, Perkins, Phillips, Porter of Massachusetts, Rand, Rawlings, Richardson, Robbe, Smith, of North Carolina, Spear, Taylor, Towl, Trapp, Turner, Vance, Varney, Wadleigh, Whitten, Williams, of Minnesota—50.

The next amendment, as follows, was considered:

That Article XII of the Constitution be amended by striking out "at such place," in the second line, and insert "in the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, and such other places," and insert after the word "determine," in the third line, "provided that it shall not meet elsewhere oftener than once in every three years;" so that the article as amended will read as follows:

ARTICLE XII. This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday of September, at 8 o'clock, A. M., in the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, and at such other places as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine; provided that it shall not meet elsewhere oftener than once in every three years. It may also meet on its own adjournment. It may also meet especially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.—*Page 4885.*

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved indefinitely to postpone the proposed amendment, which was resolved in the affirmative:

The next proposed amendment was considered as follows:

ARTICLE I, Section 1, to strike out the words "of the United States," and insert "of America," so as to make the section read as follows:

"SECTION 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the GRAND LODGE OF AMERICA OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS."

Also Article I, Section 2, to strike out the words "United States of," so that the section shall read as follows:

"SECTION 2. It is the source of all true and legitimate Odd-Fellowship in America, and possesses such powers and jurisdiction over the whole brotherhood as are provided in the Constitution and Ritual of the Order. Its authority extends also to such Lodges and Encampments as may be organized under its charter in foreign countries."

Also Article XVII, to strike out the words "the United States" and insert the word "America," so as to make the article read as follows:

ARTICLE XVII. The officers and members and Past Grand Sires (except such officers as receive stated salaries) shall receive a compensation for their services to be fixed by law, and paid out of the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of America."—*Page 4925.*

The question being on the proposed amendment, on motion of Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, it was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, from the Finance Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. COHEN, of Arkansas, to be found on page 5136 Journal, would report:

That in our opinion there is no occasion for any *new* law or appropriation, as by the present law all necessary expenses incurred by any Deputy Grand Sire are paid by the Grand Treasurer upon certificate of Grand Secretary and upon presentation of bills for said expenses.

Your Committee therefore would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That your Committee be discharged from any further consideration of this subject.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. C. PORTER,
JOHN MATHESON,
J. MARIS,
W. T. CURRY,
O. B. WHITTEN,
H. E. DODGE,
RALPH WILLIAMS,
C. LANEY MEYER,
ISAAC M. VEITCH.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. ELLIS, of Illinois, as follows:

"Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois to have the Ritual of the Subordinate Lodges translated into the Scandinavian tongues"—

Beg leave to report, that they have examined into the subject matter submitted to them, with the valuable assistance of brethren of this vicinity, and have concluded that the request of the resolution should be granted. It appears that many thousands of males, inhabitants of the state of Illinois, are of Scandinavian origin. A majority of these are Swedes and Danes who do not speak or understand the English language. Of those that do speak our language several Lodges have been formed, and they are naturally anxious to secure the privileges that they enjoy to their less fortunate countrymen. That such will be the effect of the action proposed we have no doubt; we therefore recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That authority be and the same is hereby conferred upon the R. W. Grand Lodge and R. W. Grand Encampment of Illinois to grant per-

mission to Lodges and Encampments within their respective Jurisdictions to work and transact business in the Scandinavian tongues.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN W. CARTER,
JOHN B. HARMON,
G. W. RACE,
JOHN MEDOLE,
ALBERT COHEN,
JAMES WOODYATT,
JAMES A. PRICE,
R. S. DURYEA.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, laid on the table the following amendments to the By-Laws :

Amend Article XXVI of By-Laws so that the Article shall read :

"The Fiscal Year of this Grand Lodge shall commence on the first day of January and terminate on the thirty-first day of December, and all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall make their Annual Reports, as required by Article X, to correspond with the Fiscal Year."

Amend Article X of By-Laws so that the last sentence shall read : "Said Returns shall be made to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary on or before the first day of April, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in money current at par in the city of Baltimore, Maryland."

Amend Article III of By-Laws by striking out the word "*semi-annually*," and insert instead the word "*annually*," so that the Article shall read :

"Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, *annually*, reports containing the same information as is required from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments by Article X of these laws. The Report shall be accompanied by the dues in current money."

Rep. WILSON, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

Your Committee have fully considered the memorial referred to them, from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, in relation to the manner of paying Representatives to this Grand Body, beg leave to report that they think it will be injudicious and inexpedient to take any action, at the present time, on the subject of said memorial.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their memorial.

Respectfully submitted,

W. WILSON,
L. SEXTON,
J. M. WESTFALL,
O. O. KENT,
CHAS. B. HALL.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for an Encampment, to be hailed and known by the title of Bald Mountain Encampment, No. 4, at Nevada, Territory of Colorado, have examined the application for same, and find that a warrant has already issued, and, therefore, offer for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers, had in recess, be and is hereby confirmed.

E. J. HAMILTON,
J. W. WROTH,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. WARD ELLIS.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for an Encampment to be located at Rutland, Vermont, have examined the application, and find that a warrant has already been issued, and, therefore, offer for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers, had in recess, be and is hereby confirmed.

E. J. HAMILTON,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. WARD ELLIS.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for an Encampment to be hailed as Rowan Encampment, No. 14, to be located at Salisbury, North Carolina, have examined the paper, and find a warrant has already been issued, and therefore offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers, had in recess, be and is hereby confirmed.

E. J. HAMILTON,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. WARD ELLIS.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for an Encampment to be hailed as "Golden Rule Encampment, No. 8," to be located at Searcy, Arkansas, have examined the application and find that a warrant has already been issued, and therefore offer for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers, had in the recess, be and is hereby confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. HAMILTON,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. WARD ELLIS.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application of brothers for the organization of a Lodge to be located at Lima, in the Republic of Peru, South America, have examined the papers connected with said application, find the same in due form, accompanied by the proper Cards, and that a warrant has already been issued ; therefore we offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers, had in the recess, be and is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. HAMILTON,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. WARD ELLIS.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, to be located at Montreal, Province of Quebec, have examined the application and find a warrant has already been issued, and, therefore, offer for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers, had in recess, be and is hereby confirmed.

E. J. HAMILTON,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. WARD ELLIS.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for an Encampment, to be hailed as McKee Encampment, No. 15, to be located at Raleigh, in North Carolina, have examined the application and find a war-

rant has already been issued, and, therefore, offer for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers, had in the recess, be and is hereby confirmed.

E. J. HAMILTON,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. WARD ELLIS.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for a reinstatement of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina, have examined the application, and would offer the following resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

E. J. HAMILTON,
J. W. WROTH,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
J. P. WILLIAMS,
J. WARD ELLIS.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for an Encampment to be located at Lincoln, Nebraska, and hailed as Saline Encampment, No. 4, have examined the papers connected with the same, find the papers in due form, and that a warrant has already been issued ; therefore, we offer for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers, had in recess, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

E. J. HAMILTON,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. WARD ELLIS.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for an Encampment at Fair Play, Colorado, have examined the application, and find no Withdrawal Cards or Certificates accompanying the petition. Therefore, this being the only objection, we offer for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That as soon as the petitioners comply with the law requiring Withdrawal Cards or Certificates, the Grand Officers be directed to issue a warrant for institution of said Encampment.

E. J. HAMILTON,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. WARD ELLIS.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application of brothers for the organization of a Lodge to be hailed as Bannock Lodge, No. 3, Montana Territory, have examined the papers connected with said application, find the same in due form, accompanied by the proper Cards, and that a warrant has already been issued ; therefore, we offer the following resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers, had in the recess, be and the same is hereby approved. Respectfully submitted,

E. J. HAMILTON,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. WARD ELLIS.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for a Grand Encampment to be located at Central City, Colorado Territory, have examined the application, and would offer for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

E. J. HAMILTON,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. WARD ELLIS.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for a Lodge, to be located at Deer Lodge City, Montana Territory, have examined the application, and find that a warrant has already been issued, and therefore offer for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Officers, had in recess, be and is hereby confirmed.

E. J. HAMILTON,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. W. SMITH,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
J. WARD ELLIS.

Rep Cox, of Maryland, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the inquiry made by the Representative from the Grand Lodge of Kansas, to-wit: "Is it competent for a Subordinate Lodge to entertain a motion to adjourn before all the orders of the evening have been called? or, is it necessary that the N. G. shall call the order of business as laid down in the Charge Books?" beg leave to report: At the session of 1848, folio 1236 of the Journal, the Grand Lodge decided that it was in order to make a motion to adjourn. In 1852 (Journal, 1949,) in reply to the following inquiry, "Has a Subordinate Lodge the power to hold adjourned meetings?" the Grand Lodge decided that a Subordinate had no such power, but must close in due form. The note appended to the order of business says that a Lodge may proceed to close after the *necessary* business has been gone through. From the foregoing decisions it seems evident that after the *necessary* business has been transacted a motion to adjourn would be in order, and if carried in the affirmative the Lodge must proceed to close in due form. In regard to the latter clause of the inquiry, "Shall the Noble Grand call the order of business as laid down in the Charge Book?" the Grand Lodge at the Session of 1847, Journal pp. 1034 and 1064, made the following decision:

The order of business contained in the printed work of Subordinates is to be considered in the light of a recommendation merely; it is no part of the Work of the Order, properly so-called. What the *character* of the business transacted is to be, the laws of this body prescribe; but the *manner* of taking up and going through the business both reason and policy require should be left to the regulation of the Subordinates themselves. If they can conveniently adhere to the form in the Charge Book, it is only proper they should do so; if they can not, they may regulate the order of business to suit their particular necessities.

The foregoing language is so plain and explicit that we can not conceive that any doubt can exist in regard to its true meaning.

Respectfully submitted,

E. GOVER COX,
J. W. STOKES,
HUGH LATHAM,
D. McLAREN,
WM. H. FOULK,
JNO. GIVEN,
W. C. EARL,
M. S. DOWDEN,
R. J. S. WISE.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, laid on the table the following amendment to the rules of Order:

Amend Rule of Order No. 26, by striking out the word "twice" and inserting the word "once," so that it will read as follows:

No member shall speak more than once on the same question until all the members wishing to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

Rep. ROSS, of New Jersey, seconded by Reps. WORTH, of New Jersey, SMITH, of Connecticut, and DOWDEN, of Kentucky, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution :

Propose to amend Constitution, Article XIV, Section 3, by striking out the words "ten per cent. on their receipts," and inserting instead the words "a per capita tax of twenty cents per annum on the membership reported," so that the section will read : "Dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, a per capita tax of twenty cents per annum on the membership reported."

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. PORTER, of California, as follows :

"Resolved, That hereafter, in all Jurisdictions wherein a representative system of membership of Grand Lodges has been adopted, the power to vote for Grand Officers shall be confined to representatives ;"

Beg leave, most respectfully, to report, that having duly considered the subject referred to in the resolution, we deem it inexpedient to make any change in the law. They, therefore, offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the above resolution of Rep. PORTER, of California, be not adopted.

JAMES WOODYATT,
R. S. DURYEA,
JOHN W. CARTER,
ALBERT COHEN,
JOHN MEDOLE,
JAMES A. PRICE,
HENRY F. GAREY,
G. W. RACE.

Rep. HARMON, of California, from the Special Committee to which the subject had been referred, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Special Committee appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, to whom were referred the Amendments proposed, at the last Session, to the Constitution, on pages 4961 and 4962 of the Journal, and also the resolution offered, page 4933, relative to the establishment of the Order in England, report :

That so far as concerns the Amendments to be found on page 4835 of the Journal, the subject matter of the first, the Unwritten Work, has already been acted on at this Session, and the second has been considered in the report of your Committee now pending before this Body.

As to the resolution, page 4933, as to the introduction of our Order into England, the Committee on Correspondence now have that subject under consideration ; we therefore submit the following :

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the matters so referred.

JOHN B. HARMON,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
ERIE J. LEECH,
J. MARIS.

Rep. ELLIS, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

WHEREAS, The flag adopted by this R. W. Grand Lodge is designed to designate only Grand Jurisdictions ; therefore,

Resolved, That the following form and style of flag be adopted for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, to wit : Five and a half feet wide and six feet long, with the name and number of the Lodge or Encampment and Jurisdiction painted or wrought upon it ; either in gold upon scarlet ground, or in scarlet only, if for a Lodge, or in purple, if for an Encampment.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and presented by Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, as follows :

Resolved, That should a member be suspended for non-payment of dues, the Lodge to which he may have belonged may, by a two-thirds vote, decide whether said suspended member may be reinstated upon the payment of his dues in arrear as prescribed by law ;

Respectfully report, that as to so much of the resolution as relates to the terms upon which suspended members may return to or be received in Subordinate Lodges, these have been fully settled by the legislation of last Session. In regard to what vote shall be required for reinstatement, this Grand Lodge has left it to State Jurisdictions to regulate and determine, each for itself, what shall be the specific majority in the case referred to.

The Committee view with regret the growing desire on the part of many, both in and out of this Grand Lodge, to invade, infringe upon, and curtail the rights and privileges of State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments. This Grand Body reserves to itself the right to legislate, upon general principles, for the benefit of all Jurisdictions. But it is, and should continue to be, a well-settled policy, not to legislate specially for any Grand Body upon a subject that is left to the adjudication of each and every State for itself.

Therefore the Committee recommend the following :

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MEDOLE,
HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN B. HARMON,
G. W. RACE,
JOHN W. CARTER,
JAMES WOODYATT,
ALBERT COHEN.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Ross, of New Jersey (page 5144 Journal), as follows :

Resolved, That it is the right of any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, by a majority vote, to declare an office vacant, when the installed officer has for three or more successive meetings failed to attend and discharge the duties of the office, or furnish a satisfactory reason for absence, that all laws inconsistent with the above, are hereby repealed ;"

Would respectfully report that they have considered the same, and deem the legislation unnecessary. It is a subject that has heretofore been very justly and wisely left to the control of State Jurisdictions. Section 16 of Digest provides that "an officer cannot be displaced during the term for which he was elected for non-attendance, in the absence of any constitutional provision or By-Law on the subject." Section 17 says: "Where no local law provides therefor, an installed officer does not vacate his office for non-attendance."

The Committee, believing the privilege asked for in the resolution is now very properly left to local legislation, under Sections 16 and 17 of Digest, recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully presented,

JOHN MEDOLE,
HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN B. HARMON,
G. W. RACE,
JOHN W. CARTER,
JAMES WOODYATT,
ALBERT COHEN.

Rep. WISE, of Missouri, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of a revision and correction of our Ritual in German text, would respectfully submit, that after consulting with Rep. MORSE in respect to the impression which the work has made upon native Germans in the various German nations, we are more and more convinced of the unfitness of the present translation to represent the sublime beauties which are portrayed in the original. And after the perusal of a letter from our D. D. G. Sire at Berlin, earnestly soliciting the privilege in the various German Jurisdictions of securing a more acceptable translation, and feeling that a revision by German scholars in Europe would present a national guaranty of its correctness and acceptability, and that such a revision could be made and submitted to this Grand Body for its examination and authority to print, we would therefore respectfully suggest the following resolution:

Resolved, That authority be given to the joint Germanic Jurisdictions in Europe, under the restrictions of proper instructions, to secure the most perfect revision and correction of our Ritual in German, the same to be submitted in manuscript at the next Session of this Grand Lodge for examination and approval prior to publication.

R. J. S. WISE,
E. GOVER COX,
W. C. EARL,
J. W. STOKES,
HUGH LATHAM,
M. S. DOWDEN,
D. McLAREN,
WM. H. FOULK,
JNO. T. GIVEN.

Rep. FOULK, of Delaware, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. OSTHEIM, of Oregon, offered at the Session held at Baltimore,

September, 1870, and found on page 4933 of the Revised Journal, as follows:

Resolved, That all efforts should be made for the introduction of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, as established and recognized by the Grand Lodge of the United States, into England ;"

Respectfully report that the Committee have considered the matter, and would ask to have the same referred to the Committee on Correspondence, they having all other matters of that kind in their hands, and that this Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. FOULK,
D. McLAREN,
J. W. STOKES,
HUGH LATHAM,
E. GOVER COX,
R. J. S. WISE,
W. C. EARL,
JNO. T. GIVEN,
M. S. DOWDEN.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the subject of printing another edition of the new Digest, would report :

That the reasons for printing another edition of this valuable work will be found fully set forth in the Report of the R. W. Grand Secretary.

Your Committee would offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That Rep. JOHN H. WHITE be authorized and requested to prepare a second edition of the new Digest as recommended by the R. W. Grand Secretary, and to supervise the printing of the same—said edition to consist of three thousand (3,000) copies, and to be sold at the same prices fixed upon the first edition by the R. W. Grand Secretary ; and would also recommend that the sum of one thousand dollars be paid to Grand Rep. WHITE for his services in perfecting the *first* edition of this work, and for preparing and supervising the printing of the second edition.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. C. PORTER,
W. T. CURRY,
O. B. WHITTEN,
J. MARIS,
JOHN MATHESON,
H. E. DODGE,
C. LANEY MEYER,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
RALPH WILLIAMS.

The Lodge now proceeded to the special order, to wit, the consideration of the report of the Special Committee on the Constitution, page 5124, Journal, which being under consideration, on motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, was laid on the table.

The Lodge now took up business in the order in which it appears on the Journal.

The first business being the proposed amendment to the By-Laws, offered by Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, page 5124, Journal, as

follows, which was considered and adopted, two-thirds appearing by count in the affirmative :

Amend Article XIV, (14) By-Laws, as follows :

Add thereto the following words : Provided, however, that the holder of a Dismissal Certificate, regularly issued by a Lodge or Encampment, may deposit the same in any other Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be, under such rules and upon such conditions as the Jurisdictions in which it is offered for deposit may prescribe, but he shall not be required to be in possession of the T. P. W., nor can he visit a Lodge or Encampment by virtue of such Certificate.

The next, being the report of the Finance Committee, page 5137, Journal, on the subject of the Secretary and Treasurer's books, was considered and adopted.

The next, being the report of Special Committee on Funeral Ceremony, page 5138, Journal, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, it was ordered that the form, accompanying the report of the Committee, be printed in the Revised Journal, and that the subject be referred to the next Session.

The next report, page 5138, Journal, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of ROBERT BELL, of Nevada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same Committee, page 5138, on the appeal of Southern Lodge, No. 41, of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5140, from the Committee on the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and Grand Encampment of Kentucky, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from same Committee, on Constitutions of Grand Lodges of Alabama, Arkansas and Maryland, and the Grand Encampment of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5141, same Committee, on the Constitutions of Grand Lodges and Encampments of Michigan and Mississippi, were considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5141, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5142, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of introducing the Order into the West Indies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same Committee, same page, on the resolu-

tion of Rep. LAMBERTON, relative to the publication of the names of expelled members, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5143, from the Legislative Committee, upon the subject of the improper use of the name of the Order, was considered.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, asked for a division of the question, and the question being on the adoption of the first four resolutions, it was agreed to. The question being on the adoption of the fifth resolution, Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Indiana, moved to strike out the proviso in the resolution, which was agreed to.

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, moved to further amend the resolution as amended, as follows :

Provided that any State Grand Lodge may prohibit the use of any and all emblems in any periodical published in its Jurisdiction.

The question being on the motion of Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, on motion of Rep. PORTER, of California, the resolution, as amended, was recommitted to the Committee.

The next report, page 5145, Journal, from the Legislative Committee, on the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, to allow the names and numbers of defunct Lodges to be granted to other Lodges when it shall be evident that such defunct Lodge can never be reorganized by the original members, was considered and adopted.

The hour for recess having arrived, the Lodge recessed from business for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, when Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved to reconsider the vote had on the adoption of the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 5182, Journal, which was agreed to. The subject being under consideration, on his further motion it was postponed.

The next report, page 5151, Journal, from the Legislative Committee, on the proposition of Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, to amend the third resolution, page 4892 of the Journal of 1870, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5152, from the same Committee, on

the resolution of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, relative to paying weekly benefits to sick members of other Lodges, was considered and adopted

The next report, same page, from the Finance Committee, on the resolution of Rep. SMITH, of North Carolina, relative to a remission of the dues of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina, was considered.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved the following resolution, which was not agreed to :

Resolved, That the said report be recommitted to the Finance Committee, with instructions to report back a resolution referring the said matter to the R. W. Grand Secretary, with power to settle with the R. W. G. Encampment of North Carolina upon the same terms as heretofore adopted by this R. W. Grand Lodge.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report,

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend the resolution as follows, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That as the charge against the R. W. G. Encampment of North Carolina is for three years' Representative and tax accruing after the demise of said Grand Encampment, the G. Cor. & Rec. Secretary be instructed to enter a credit to that G. Encampment for the amount so charged.

The next report, page 5153, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of furnishing copies of the Secret Work and Diagrams to Grand Jurisdictions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of using the name of any living person, for any Lodge or Encampment, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5154, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. SMITH, of Connecticut, on the subject of balloting for Degrees, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, on the resolution of Grand Rep. HUBBARD, of Wisconsin, on the subject of conducting the business of Lodges in the Scarlet Degree, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same Committee, page 5155, on the subject of modifying the law relating to the Dismissal Certificate, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, the special order was suspended for the remainder of the day,

When Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee

on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which were referred the following decisions of the M. W. G. Sire, viz. : "Unnumbered, 6th, 7th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th, 20th, and 24th," respectfully report that they have examined with much care the above decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, and find them to be in accordance with law and precedent, and recommend that they be affirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES,
E. GOVER COX,
WM. H. FOULK,
JNO. T. GIVEN,
M. S. DOWDEN,
HUGH LATHAM.

The undersigned concur in the above report, with the exception of the 12th decision, upon which we will submit a separate report.

W. C. EARLE,
R. J. S. WISE.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, from the same Committee, made the following minority report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the twelfth decision of the Grand Sire, respectfully present the following report :

That decision declares, that one of the qualifications required of visitors to this Grand Lodge is, that they shall be in possession of the Grand Lodge Degree.

In this decision we can not concur. We hold that service in the office of Noble and Vice Grand, for the requisite time, entitles a brother to receive the Grand Lodge Degree whenever he shall present himself at the Grand Lodge for that purpose ; and, that the right to receive said degree, although circumstances may have prevented its being conferred upon him, is sufficient to warrant, provided he is otherwise qualified, his admission as visitor to this Grand Lodge.

We therefore offer, for adoption, the annexed resolution :

Resolved, That the necessary qualifications to enable a brother to be admitted as a visitor to this Grand Lodge shall be the possession of the Royal Purple Degree, and that he shall have received, or be entitled to receive, the Grand Lodge Degree, and be, at the time, a member in good standing of a Subordinate Lodge and Subordinate Encampment.

W. C. EARLE,
R. J. S. WISE,

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of G. Rep. COHEN, of Arkansas (See page 5136 Journal), upon the subject of paying mileage and per diem to Past G. Sires, would report :

That this R. W. G. Lodge having decided to-day that they will not amend their Constitution for the purpose of paying our P. G. Sires, as proposed by

the resolution under consideration, your Committee would ask to be discharged from further consideration of this subject.

Fraternally yours,

THOS. C. PORTER,
W. T. CURRY,
J. MARIS,
O. B. WHITTEN,
RALPH WILLIAMS,
JOHN MATHESON,
H. DODGE,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
C. LANEY MEYER.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the following resolution, offered by Rep. HARRIS, of New Jersey, to wit :

"Resolved, That the right to receive the Degree of Rebekah be extended to all female relatives of Scarlet Degree members in good standing, who may desire to obtain the Degree, and who may have attained sufficient age ;"

Respectfully report that, in our opinion, legislation to the end proposed is not needed, and would be unwise. We therefore offer the following :

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,
WM. R. MCLEAN,
THEO. A. ROSS,
C. VANCE,
E. H. WHITNEY.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom were referred the resolutions of Reps. CARTER, of Ohio ; ROSS, of New Jersey ; PORTER, of California, and HAMILTON, of New York, to be found respectively on pages 4980, 5116, 5119, 5122, of the Journal, each of said resolutions asking such legislation by this R. W. Grand Lodge as will authorize Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah to exercise control over applications for membership in such Lodges by voting on such applications, having considered the same, respectfully report, that it is not the intention in any way to interfere with the present law, which authorizes conferring of the Degree of Rebekah on the wife of every member of the Scarlet Degree in good standing who may desire the same, but that inasmuch as this R. W. Grand Lodge, at the Session of 1868, authorized, by passing certain laws, the organization of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, we are clearly of the opinion, from the experience of the past three years, that it is essential to the well-being, prosperity and future usefulness of such Lodges that power be given them to admit to membership such applicants as may be deemed worthy, and reject the unworthy. We regret to say that from the day of the adoption of the Degree of Rebekah by the Grand Lodge of the United States, it has received opposition by some, and, as we believe, more thoughtlessly than otherwise. We are gratified, however, in being able to state that its merit is justly receiving its due appreciation, and that few, if any, deny that the degree, and particularly under its organized system in Lodges, has indeed rendered valuable aid in the furtherance of the mission of our Order. We therefore favor such legislation by this Grand Body as will give permanency to Degree Lodges of

the Degree of Rebekah, and believing that the power to ballot on applications for membership will tend to this end, offer the following :

Resolved, That Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah be and they are hereby authorized to ballot on all applications for membership in such Lodges, and that a majority vote of all members present and voting shall be necessary for an election to membership, except in such Jurisdictions as may otherwise provide.

Resolved, That the time in which rejected applicants may renew their application in a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah be and the same is hereby left to Jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,
WM. R. McLEAN,
THEO. A. ROSS,
C. VANCE,
E. H. WHITNEY.

Rep. WADLEIGH, of Massachusetts, submitted the amended Constitution of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Report of the Committee on Correspondence on the subject of Odd-Fellowship in Germany and Switzerland, and other parts of Europe :

This Committee has perused with great interest the printed correspondence touching said subject, and are filled with admiration with the wonderful success which has attended the labors of the Special Deputy Grand Sire for said countries. But a little more than one year has elapsed since E. D. FARNSWORTH, the Grand Sire of the United States, placed in the hands of Professor JOHN F. MORSE, a Past Grand Master of California, then residing temporarily in Germany, a Commission which made him the Special Deputy Grand Sire of the Order for Germany and Switzerland, with almost plenary powers, to do and perform whatsoever he might deem necessary to establish Lodges for the inculcation of the ennobling principles of our Order in the Fatherland of the many sons of Germany now in America, and who are fraternally one with us in our holy cause. Amid discouragements which for a time seemed almost insurmountable ; under the heavy hand of sickness, which held him for months on a bed of pain ; in a foreign land, whose adverse laws and the opposing inclinations of whose people repulsed his friendly advances, Bro. MORSE, upheld by the consciousness of the great good which would accrue to the present generation of Germanic-Europe and to her people yet unborn, by the certain establishment among them of our benevolent Order, persevered until our most extravagant hopes were more than realized ; and from his benevolent and determined hand was committed to the breeze, beside the national colors of Prussia, the Kingdoms of Wurttemberg and Saxony, and the Republic of Switzerland, the banner of Odd-Fellowship, on whose pure white folds are emblazoned in letters of gold the elements of our faith, "Friendship, Love and Truth." And the peoples of three kingdoms and the Republic of Switzerland are now united with us in a fraternal embrace, which we hope may be everlasting.

In carefully reading the correspondence of Bro. MORSE with the M. W. Grand Sires FARNSWORTH and STUART, and the R. W. Grand Secretary, your Committee are greatly pleased with the earnestness and fidelity with which those officers, one and all, have pursued the subject. No moment seems to have been lost, no advantage overlooked, and no effort relaxed in the performance of their several delicate and arduous duties. And from personal interviews with Bro. MORSE, we are convinced that the corres-

pudence conveys but a faint conception of his anxieties, sufferings and toil in securing to our Order the great measure of success which has resulted from his efforts.

Your Committee think that the magnitude of the work so auspiciously commenced by Bro. MORSE can not be over estimated; and we can but wonder that so much has been done with so little; and if this Grand Lodge would enjoy in the future the ripe harvest of the crops which have so magically put forth their verdure, the husbandman should be kept in the field, that it may neither suffer by the blight of error, or the mildew of neglect.

Stuttgart is now rejoicing in her Lodge, the Imperial City of Berlin has already felt the impulse of the quickening principles of our fraternity; our banner waves in the land of the Saxon; and our cherished sister, the Republic of Switzerland, is brought nearer to us in the bonds of our faith; but the greater portion of Germany is yet unexplored. There are, also, the Kingdoms of the Netherlands, of Belgium and Bavaria, open to our advancement, the Dukedom of Baden is replete with promising material, the humane characteristics of Denmark, Norway and Sweden invite our presence, and the Free Cities of Hamburg, Bremen and Emden are yet to be made glad in the gentle bondage with which the golden chain of our brotherhood will encircle them, while other portions of Continental Europe, as well as England and Scotland, are fields which give promise of hopeful missionary labor.

But if there were no other duty which the Grand Lodge now owes in the premises, to their admiring constituents and to her foreign dependencies, than to nurse and cherish these infant European Lodges until their future healthful existence is secured beyond a doubt, in the minds of your Committee, it becomes a necessity that Special Deputy Grand Sire MORSE shall, if possible, be induced to return to the field of labor made by him so glorious, there to remain until at least the delicate governmental questions which it is more than probable may arise, with reference to the future work of our Order abroad; until one or more Grand Lodges shall be established in Germany, and a system of laws shall be settled, and our Work and Ritual thoroughly understood by our distant brethren.

By referring to the Report of the Grand Treasurer, it will be seen that after all obligations incurred by the present Session of this R. W. Grand Body are liquidated, there will remain in the Treasury about \$20,000, and your Committee believe that no better use can be made of a portion of this surplus fund than to devote it to the humane purpose of following up with accelerated pace our advantages in Europe.

Your Committee would further report that there is a voluminous correspondence in the hands of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, which has grown out of the subject of the German mission, much of which is of interest to the Order and should be published, to the end that it may constitute a portion of the early history of this interesting and important subject; but the time of this Committee is quite too short to digest in a manner which will enable us to properly discriminate as to what portion of said correspondence should be published.

Wherefore, we recommend that the Grand Secretary and the Special Deputy Grand Sire MORSE be requested in their discretion to cause such portion of said correspondence to be published in the Revised Journal of this Session as they may deem of interest to the Order.

With these views, they heartily recommend that the S. D. G. S. MORSE be invited to return to Europe, there to remain in the service of this Grand Lodge for at least one year.

And, in conclusion, your Committee submit the following resolutions, and recommend their passage:

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby heartily tendered to the Special Deputy Grand Sire MORSE, for his faithful labors in his German mission, and that we appreciate the same, as of the utmost service to the interest of this Grand Body and the Brotherhood at large.

Resolved, 2. That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Baron GEROLT and Prince BISMARCK, of the German Empire; to the generous governments of Wurttemberg, Prussia, Saxony, and Switzerland; to our Ministers, GEORGE BANCROFT, of Berlin, and HORACE RUBLEE, of Switzer-

land ; to our Consul O. H. IRISH, at Dresden, and H. S. M. BYERS, of Zurich, for their aid in securing the privilege of establishing our Order in Germanic Nations.

Resolved, 3. That we remember with pleasure and gratitude the officers and brothers of the Order in Europe and this country who gave such valuable aid, who have been often mentioned as the earnest and abiding friends of this important enterprise.

Resolved, 4. That we welcome with the warmest satisfaction the accession to our Order of Wurtemberg Lodge, No. 1, of Stuttgart, Germania Lodge, No. 1, of Berlin, Saxony Lodge, No. 1, of Dresden, Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, of Zurich, and Farnsworth Encampment, No. 1, of Berlin; that we tender them assurances of our fraternal affection, and bid them God speed in the great and ennobling work which is before them.

Resolved, 5. That Special Deputy Grand Sire JOHN F. MORSE be invited to return to Europe, at his earliest convenience, to pursue his labors of Special Deputy Grand Sire for Germany and Switzerland, and such other parts of Europe where in his judgment his official efforts may be put forth with promise of the advancement of the best interest of our Order.

Resolved, 6. That the R. W. Grand Secretary be, and is hereby, authorized to cause to be published in the Revised Journals of the present Session of this Grand Lodge such portions of correspondence pertaining to the matters of the German mission as he may deem to be of interest to the Order at large.

Resolved, 7. That the R. W. G. Secretary forward copies of these resolutions to the several persons and Lodges named therein, and that he be authorized to forward such number of copies of the Journal and other documents, to the said persons and Lodges, and to such other persons as to him may seem proper.

NATHAN PORTER,
E. D. TOWL,
W. H. LANPHEAP
N. H. COLTON,
C. C. ARCHER,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Returns respectfully report that they have examined the returns of the several Grand Bodies, as well as the Returns of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and find that very many of them are incorrect. Statistics are worthless if they are not accurate, and while the plans adopted by this Body for procuring correct statements of the work of the Encampments and Lodges of the Order seem to be ample, it is manifest at every Session that some Secretaries and Scribes do not devote the attention that should be given to the preparation of the Annual Reports.

The following Reports are found correct: *Grand Lodges*—Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, District of Columbia, Delaware, Louisiana, New Jersey, Mississippi, Rhode Island, California. *Grand Encampments*—South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Delaware, Rhode Island, California.

The Report of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey is not signed by the Grand Scribe, and the cause of suspension is not stated. Grand Encampment of District of Columbia is without a seal.

Reports of the Grand Encampments of Ohio and Ontario show that members of Subordinate Encampments in their Jurisdiction expel members for non-payment of dues, which your Committee understand to be contrary to the law of this Grand Lodge. See Digest, page 140, Section 649.

We report the returns from all other Grand Bodies incorrect, because the names and cause of expulsions are in some cases entirely omitted and in

others defective, and in nearly all cases the cause of suspension is not stated, besides various discrepancies in the figures given. A close attention by the officers charged with the duty of making the reports, to the instructions printed on the blanks, would avoid the necessity of reporting their labors defective. The reports of the several Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under this Grand Lodge are generally correct. We submit the following :

Resolved, That the blanks for Annual Reports shall in future be printed with the words Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues, and Suspensions for Cause, instead of the word Suspensions, as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. A. ROSS,
L. K. BARBER,
S. W. MANGHAM,
HENRY CLARK,
E. D. FARNSWORTH.

Rep. HARMON, of California, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Printing :

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to inquire into the expediency of having the Revised Journals of this Session printed in Chicago.

Rep. PERKINS, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That after this day the time of the Sessions of the Grand Lodge will be to meet at nine o'clock, A. M., take a recess of one hour at one o'clock, P. M., and adjourn at five o'clock, P. M.

Rep. DAMON, of Florida, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the change of the time of meeting of the Grand Lodge of Florida by said Grand Lodge be approved.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. TAYLOR, of Wisconsin, which is in the following words, to wit : "*Resolved*, That such legislation be had by this Grand Body as to provide for a representation of Rebekah Lodges in State Grand Bodies," respectfully report that in our opinion the abovenamed Lodges are sufficiently represented in State Grand Bodies by and through Representatives from Subordinate Lodges, and that at this time legislation to the end proposed in the foregoing resolution would be unwise ; we therefore offer for adoption the following :

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from consideration of the subject contained in the foregoing resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,
WM. R. McLEAN,
THEO. A. ROSS,
C. VANCE,
E. H. WHITNEY.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's Report as refers to the Degree of Rebekah, having considered the same, respectfully report that we fully concur in the opinions expressed by the Grand Sire, except so much as proposes to make it obligatory on all Jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Body to adopt said Degree. While we think it would be to the interest of every Jurisdiction to promulgate the teachings of this Degree, yet, as the Grand Lodge has previously legislated on this subject, leaving it to the option of each Jurisdiction to adopt or reject the same, we are of the opinion that it is not expedient to recommend the proposed change. Relying on the merits of the Degree, that it will at no distant day be universally appreciated, we offer for adoption the following :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge fully concurs in the opinion of the M. W. Grand Sire, in reference to the Degree of Rebekah, as expressed in his report, with the exception of so much of the same as proposes to make it obligatory on every Jurisdiction subordinate to this Grand Lodge to adopt the same.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,
WM. R. McLEAN,
THEO. A. ROSS,
C. VANCE,
E. H. WHITNEY.

The hour fixed for adjournment having arrived, the CHAIR declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, Sept. 22, 1871—9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present :

OFFICERS.

FRED. D. STUART.....M. W. Grand Sire.
C. A. LOGAN.....R. W. D. G. Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
STUART W. CAYCE.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
JAMES SMITH.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAINR. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRE.

JOHN A. KENNEDY.....New York.
GEORGE W. RACE.....Louisiana.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH.....Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....Tennessee.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives present and declared them to be duly qualified ; whereupon, by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. HARMON, of California, by unanimous consent, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Finance Committee :

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to inquire into the propriety of granting mileage and per diem to Bro. J. Y. DASHIEL.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the resolution of Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, (page 5136, Journal,) inappropriately referred to the Legislative Committee, be withdrawn and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Judiciary Committee,

made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The following resolution has been referred to the Judiciary Committee for consideration and report :

Resolved, That in case illegal ballots be cast upon ballot for membership in a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, (such illegality being, that the brothers voting upon such application were disqualified by the By-Laws of the Subordinate,) such ballot may be declared void by the presiding officer, and a new ballot be immediately had.

The law bearing on this subject is to be found in Section 130 of the Digest, which, in effect, decides that it is competent for a majority of a Subordinate Lodge, but not for an officer alone, to order a new ballot when an election is either fraudulent or illegal ; but where the election is favorable, such order must be made previous to the applicant's initiation. The ordering of the new ballot in such case necessarily involves the abrogation of the former ballot. The committee do not recommend any action on the foregoing resolution, as existing legislation already meets the question raised by it. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
JNO. H. WHITE,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
J. C. STAFFORD,
JOSEPH D. TRAPP,
C. H. RAWLINGS,
JAMES PIERCE,
D. N. BARROWS.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Judiciary Committee, to whom the appeal of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island from the action of a Subordinate Lodge of the Grand Lodge of New York has been referred, beg leave to report that they have examined the papers connected with the case, for the purpose of ascertaining the questions of law which arise on the facts disclosed by the record.

They concur with the Committee on Appeals that the case is improperly before this Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island should primarily lay the grievance of which complaint is made, before the Grand Lodge of New York. If dissatisfied with the action of that Grand Lodge in the premises, it may then properly apply to this Grand Body. It appears that the Grand Lodge of New York has had no official notice of this complaint. We are of opinion that it would be unjust to the Grand Lodge of New York for this Committee to decide the questions of law which arise in the case, when that Grand Body has had no notice, and in fact no opportunity to make its defence ; for though the abstract question of law, it is said, is only submitted to this Committee, yet we do not see how it is possible to decide the question of law without deciding the whole case between these two Jurisdictions.

The Committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
J. C. STAFFORD,
JAMES PIERCE,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
JOSEPH D. TRAPP,
C. H. RAWLINGS,
D. N. BARROWS.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the decisions of the M. W. G. Sire, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 21, 22 and 23, beg leave to report :

That we recommend the approval of the 2d, 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th and 14th decisions as reported.

That in regard to the 1st decision your Committee cannot concur with the M. W. G. Sire. Section 321 of our Digest says : "A member under charges and during the investigation thereof by the Lodge is under a state of suspension and cannot participate in the work of his Lodge," is subversive of that well-known principle that a man is presumed to be innocent until he is proved guilty. The only effect of undecided charges is to deprive the member of the right to take a Traveling or Visiting Card, and when the charges bear upon the right to suspend the payment thereof until a final decision. Reasoning from analogy, your Committee are of the opinion that an officer is not suspended from the performance of his duties during the pendency of charges against him, except so far as those duties may have a relation to the charges, such as the appointment of the whole or of a part of the Committee to try them, or in acting upon the report. We therefore recommend the non-approval of this decision.

That in regard to the 3d decision, while the Committee are unanimously of the opinion that the first clause is correct, they are of the opinion that the second clause, to wit : "he may conceal or expose the character of his vote at pleasure," is not the law of the Order. A ball ballot is a secret vote, and as the first clause of this decision states, "It is a brother's right to vote a secret ball ballot," if all the other brothers who may vote upon a ballot have a right to show their votes, the secrecy of the ballot is necessarily destroyed. To endeavor to discover how a brother has voted upon a secret ballot, for the purpose of bringing odium upon him, is an offence of itself ; this would allow that to be done by indirection which is directly forbidden. Your Committee recommend the approval of the first clause, to wit : "It is a brother's right to vote a secret ball ballot," and the non-approval of the second clause of this decision.

With reference to the 8th decision, we would report that the decision as reported does not cover the grounds that it ought, although it answered the question. A Lodge subordinate to a Grand Lodge presented a question of law to the M. W. Grand Sire, and asked his decision thereon without reference to the local authority ; we would, therefore, recommend the substitution of the following, for the decision referred to, to wit :

"No Lodge or Encampment, subordinate to any State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment, has a right to present questions of law directly to the M. W. Grand Sire for his decision. All such questions must go through the channel provided by the local law."

In regard to the 11th decision, we would recommend that the words "suspended member" be stricken out and the words "member suspended for non-payment of dues and" be inserted in lieu thereof, so that the decision shall read as follows, to wit :

"No Lodge or Encampment has a right to refuse a Dismissal Certificate to a member suspended for non-payment of dues, and who makes proper application for the same. The laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States insure to him this right, and Subordinate Bodies must conform to them."

Decisions 13, 21 and 23 being in conformity with previous decisions, see Digest, Sections 839 and 338, we recommend their approval.

As to the 17th decision, we recommend that it be reversed. If a Grand Encampment ceases to exist, all the powers and authorities conferred upon it revert to this Grand Lodge, and as the power to revive a defunct Subordinate certainly existed in the Grand Encampment while it survived, that

power of necessity vested in this Grand Lodge, and during the recess of the Grand Lodge is vested in the M. W. Grand Sire.

We recommend the approval of the 22d decision, with the modification, however, that while it is the right of any member of the Lodge to which the accused belongs to lay such charges before the Lodge, we can find no law which makes it compulsory upon him to do so. To secure uniformity in matters of this kind, the passage of the following resolution is recommended, to wit:

Resolved, That in the absence of any local regulation upon the subject, a member of one Subordinate Lodge or Encampment desiring to prefer a charge or charges against a member or members of another Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall present such charge or charges in the usual form to the Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of which he (the accuser) is a member. Said Lodge or Encampment shall forthwith forward to the Lodge or Encampment to which the accused may belong a certified copy of the charge or charges over the signatures of the N. G. and Secretary, C. P. and Scribe, and attested by the seal of the Lodge or Encampment, and the Lodge or Encampment to whom such charge or charges shall be sent shall proceed to hear and determine the same in like manner as if preferred by a member of its own body.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
JAMES PIERCE,
JOSEPH D. TRAPP,
J. C. STAFFORD,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON.
JNO. H. WHITE,
C. H. RAWLINGS,
D. N. BARROWS.

Rep. CUNNINGHAM, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America, adopted 1871, and the Constitution of Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, Montreal, April, 1871, having examined the same, respectfully present the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America, and the Constitution of Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, Montreal, above referred to, be approved.

P. L. CUNNINGHAM,
CALEB RAND,
JOHN F. MORSE,
H. D. McCARTY,
BENJ. FLETCHER, JR.,
GEO. DAMON,
J. H. ROBINSON,

Rep. CUNNINGHAM, of Connecticut, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as amended, Article III, Section 4, Clause 4, adopted February, 1871, and the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Vermont, adopted August 21st, 1871, have examined the same; respectfully present the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution as amended of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Vermont, above referred to, be approved.

P. L. CUNNINGHAM,
CALEB RAND,
JOHN F. MORSE,
H. D. McCARTY,
BENJ. FLETCHER, JR.,
GEO. DAMON,
J. H. ROBINSON.

Rep. CUNNINGHAM, of Connecticut, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of Denver Encampment, No. 2, Colorado, adopted July 21, 1871, and the Constitution of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of New Mexico, adopted 1852, and as amended, 1871, have examined the same, and respectfully present the following :

Resolved, That the Constitution of Denver Encampment, No. 2, of Colorado, and the Constitution of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of New Mexico, above referred to, be approved.

P. L. CUNNINGHAM,
CALEB RAND,
JOHN F. MORSE,
H. D. McCARTY,
BENJ. FLETCHER, JR.,
GEO. DAMON,
J. H. ROBINSON.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, have examined the same and find it to ask of this Grand Lodge its influence with the General Government to have the Lodges in that Jurisdiction indemnified for losses sustained by them during the war by the Federal troops.

Your Committee consider this a subject in which this Grand Body could be of no benefit, unless it appointed some party to represent it before the Court of Claims ; therefore offer for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to take any action on said petition.

E. J. HAMILTON,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. E. WILLIAMS,
J. W. SMITH,
JNO. W. HUDSON.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Special Committee, to whom the subject was referred, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee to whom that part of the Grand Sire's Report in relation to chapeaux, swords, belts, &c., has been referred, beg leave to report—

That they concur in the views of the Grand Sire on this subject, and recommend their approval by this Grand Lodge.

They are further of opinion that the course of the Grand Sire and the measures he adopted to arrest the violation of the laws of this Grand Lodge on this subject, were eminently wise and judicious, and that in this regard he has discharged the constitutional duty imposed upon him, of enforcing the laws of this Grand Lodge with diligence and fidelity.

That the wearing of chapeaux, swords, belts, and gauntlets by Odd-Fellows in public processions, especially after the proclamation of the Grand Sire on that subject had been issued and brought to the knowledge of the membership of the Order, was a flagrant violation of law, and a grave departure from the respect due to the Chief Executive of the Order, and through him to this Grand Lodge itself.

The Committee express the hope that the decided expression of the views and opinions of this Grand Lodge on this subject as indicated in this report, will of itself be sufficient, when made to a membership so law-abiding as that belonging to our Order, to put down at once everything like insubordination and disobedience to our laws, and having this confidence in our brethren, notwithstanding what has occurred, the Committee recommend that nothing more be done at present than to adopt this report.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
HENRY F. GAREY,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS,
JOHN MEDOLE,
P. T. PHILLIPS,
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the resolutions found on pages 3478 and 3479 of Journal, Session of 1862, be amended by adding the following : " Provided, however, Supplies may be delivered to duly accredited Representatives while in attendance at the Annual Sessions."

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, seconded by Reps. WESTFALL, of Minnesota, CUNNINGHAM, of Connecticut, and PARTRIDGE, of Ontario, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution :

Amend Article IX, Sec. 1, by striking out the word "two" where it occurs in the third line, and inserting "four;" also, to strike out the word "annually" in the fourth line, and insert "biennially," so that the terms of the Grand Representatives shall be four years instead of two.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of William H. BARNES, P. G. M., from the decision of the Grand Lodge of New York, in reference to the power of a Lodge to appropriate its funds, respectfully report that a single but important question is presented.

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 127, of New York, made an appropriation of \$50 for an excursion. The Grand Master of that Jurisdiction, on appeal, decided that the funds of the Lodge could be so appropriated, and the Grand Lodge of New York affirmed that decision. From this action the appeal under consideration was taken, and this Grand Lodge is invoked to determine whether a Lodge "has the right to vote out funds for a festival or other occasion as they may elect, if they have the proper permission from the Grand Officers to hold such festivals, etc., in the name of the Order."

The question presented is much broader than distinctly arises from the case decided by the Grand Lodge of New York; but the correct answer to the inquiry as to whether a Lodge can appropriate the funds in its Treasury to pay for an excursion may be a solution to the question involved in the appeal under consideration.

To meet and emphatically discontinue a practice which obtained in certain Jurisdictions, of dividing the funds of a Lodge, or making any misappropriation of them on the eve of the dissolution of the Lodge, this Grand Lodge once and for always declared: "That the funds and property collected under and by authority of a Charter duly granted to a Lodge or Encampment of the I. O. O. F. are *trust* funds, and can be applied only to the objects for which they are collected," (Dig. 125, p. 582,) and it was further prescribed that "no diversion of the funds or property, or other disposition of it except for the legitimate objects of the Order, can or will be recognized or tolerated by this Grand Lodge." Thus the money in the Treasury of the Lodge is stamped as *trust* funds, only to be used for the legitimate objects of the Order. These legitimate objects are summed up in the brief yet comprehensive "Tract on Odd-Fellowship," from the pen of our distinguished and venerated Grand Secretary (Dig. p. 468). The peculiar office of a Subordinate Lodge "is to provide the means to meet the claims of its sick and distressed members, to care for them properly during their illness, to bury the dead, to succor the widow, and to educate the orphan." It follows that an appropriation of the funds of the Lodge to objects outside of those connected with the business or legitimate purposes of the Lodge is a misappropriation, and not to be countenanced.

By the legislation of this Grand Lodge some latitude has been given to the construction of the phrase, "legitimate purposes of the Lodge." Thus, the funds may be appropriated to the celebration of the Anniversary of the establishment of our Order (Dig. 77, 1050). And the control of a Lodge over its funds has been emphatically recognized in its right of appropriation to "purposes recognized by the Order." (Dig., p. 20). Then, to state the proposition that the funds of a Lodge can not be appropriated to purposes which are not recognized by the Order, is to answer the question under consideration.

Funds paid into the Treasury to answer the call of the sick, to bury the dead, to educate the orphan, or to answer the legitimate expenses of the Lodge, can not be diverted from the Treasury to be expended in pleasure excursions, picnics, or the like, for these are not the legitimate purposes of a Lodge. To appropriate money from the Treasury in payment of expenditures incurred in such excursions, is a misappropriation of the funds provided for the sick, the burial of the dead, the education of the orphan, and the legitimate expenses of the Lodge.

We therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of WM. H. BARNES, P. G. M., be and is hereby sustained.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
M. J. DURHAM,
WM. L. SMITH,
ERIE J. LEECH,
CHAS. E. PERKINS,
JAS. P. SANDERS.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Special Committee on the subject of the "Press," made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee on the subject of the "Press" respectfully report that they have carefully considered the recommendations of the M. W. Grand Sire upon the subject, and approve generally of his remarks in reference thereto. No invidious distinctions should be made between the newspapers and periodicals published in the interest of the Order. All should be treated alike and placed upon the same footing. No one should be selected as the official organ to the exclusion of the others; nor do we think that any of these papers should charge for the insertion of any official matter which may be published therein. Such matter is of sufficient benefit to the publishers to amply recompense them for the outlay in time and money which they incur.

We therefore offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to subscribe and pay for each periodical and newspaper published in the exclusive interest and by the authority of the Order, and that the same be placed in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the "American Odd-Fellow," "New Age," "Odd-Fellow's Companion," "Der Odd-Fellow," "Heart and Hand," "Talisman," "Grip," "Western Odd-Fellow," "Odd-Fellows' Journal," "North Western Odd-Fellow," "Mystic Jewel," and all other papers published by members of the Order, and devoted exclusively to its interests, be recognized as organs of this Grand Lodge, and as such authorized to publish its proceedings and all official documents published by its authority, provided that the same be done without compensation.

JNO. H. WHITE,
D. McLAREN,
HENRY LINDENBERG,
A. J. VANDEGRIFF,
C. A. ROBBE.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Legislative Committee, to whom was recommitted the fifth resolution of its report on the use of the emblems, to be found on pages 5143 and 5144 of the Journal, have reconsidered the subject thereof, and beg leave to report for your adoption the following, to follow the fourth resolution of the series already adopted:

Resolved, 5th, That the foregoing shall not be construed to apply to any periodical or newspaper now published, or hereafter to be published in the interest of the Order, in good faith, by a member or members of the Order in good standing: UNLESS such publication shall, under cover of the interest of the Order, give publicity to any of the signs, emblems, mottoes, or other secrets of the Order, in advertisement or otherwise, for the benefit of individuals or companies, or for the advancement of their own private gain.

Resolved, That if any such periodical or newspaper shall offend against the provisions of this regulation, it shall be the duty of the M. W. Grand Sire to warn said periodical or newspaper to discontinue such conduct, and in the event of the continuance of such publications or advertisements, and persistent disobedience to said warning, it shall be the duty of the Grand Sire to prefer charges against the offending party or parties, before his or their Subordinate Lodge, and it shall be the duty of such Lodge to arraign and

try the party or parties so charged, and upon conviction of the offence, to suspend or expel the offender.

HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN B. HARMON,
JOHN MEDOLE,
GEO. W. RACE,
JOHN, W. CARTER,
JAMES WOODYATT,
ALBERT COHEN,
R. S. DURYEA,
JAMES A. PRICE.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Distinctive Regalia, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of "Prescribing Distinctive Regalia and Stations for Appointed Officers of Subordinate Encampments," submit the following :

The positions of the Officers of Subordinate Encampments shall be as laid down in accompanying diagram, viz. : In addition to the positions of Elective Officers as already prescribed by law and usage, the other Officers shall be placed as follows :

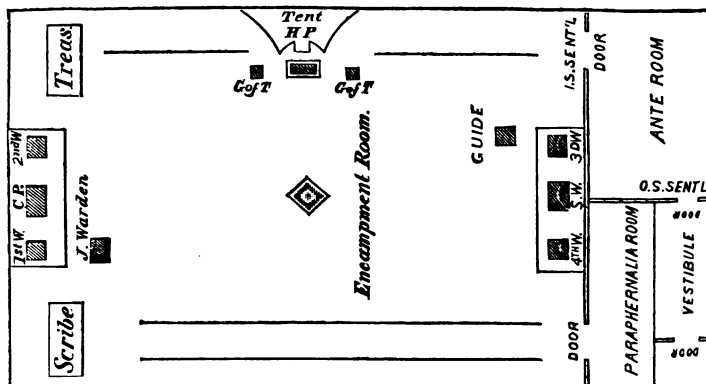
THE JUNIOR WARDEN shall sit in the position assigned to the Warden in a Subordinate Lodge, that is, in front of, and to the right oblique of the C. P.

THE GUIDE shall sit in front of, and to the right oblique of the S. W.

THE GUARDS of the TENT shall sit to the right and left, and in line with the Altar, which latter shall be in front of the High Priest's Tent.

THE FIRST and SECOND WATCHES shall sit on the right and left of the Chief Patriarch, as Supporters to the principal Chair ; and the THIRD and FOURTH WATCHES on the right and left of the Senior Warden, as Supporters to that Officer.

THE INSIDE and OUTSIDE SENTINELS shall be situated at their respective doors, the location of which, (the doors) shall be arranged according to circumstances.

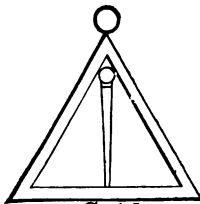


NOTE.—The diagram is only intended to show the position of the various Officers of a Subordinate Encampment. The location of the doors, either

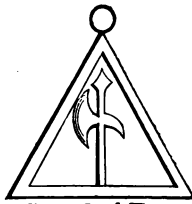
to the Encampment Room or the Ante-room, or from outside to the Vestibule, can not be determined. It is not proposed to fix definitely which side of the C. P. the Scribe and Treasurer shall sit, nor which side of the room the Tent shall be.

If an Encampment meets in a Lodge Room, the Chairs arranged for the Lodge will suit the Encampment. The Tent can be adjusted at the Chaplain's or P. G.'s position, so as to be triced up and festooned against the wall when not used, or removed at pleasure.

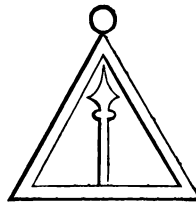
The jewel of the Guide shall be a staff within a triangle; the jewel of a Guard of Tent shall be a halberd within a triangle; the jewels of both Guards to be alike. The jewel of a Watch shall be a spear within a triangle; the jewels of all the Watches to be the same. All these to be uniform, in size and style, with the jewels heretofore prescribed for Elective Officers of Subordinate Encampments. (See diagrams.)



Guide



Guard of Tent



Watch

The Committee offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the positions and jewels as specified in this report be the positions and jewels for appointed Officers of Subordinate Encampments.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. HICKOK,
S. D. FAIRCHILDS,
W. C. WILSON,
LOUIS FURST,
R. A. RANDLETT.

Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, seconded by Reps. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, and FITZHUGH, of Virginia, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution :

Amend Section 4, Article XVI, (16) Constitution of the G. L. U. S., as follows :

Strike out the whole Section and insert Section 4. "A member of the Order suspended or expelled from a Lodge or Encampment in any Jurisdiction or Sovereignty shall not be admitted to membership in a Lodge or Encampment in another Jurisdiction or Sovereignty, without the previously obtained consent of the Lodge or Encampment from which he is suspended or expelled. *Provided, however*, that members suspended or dropped for the non-payment of dues only, may be admitted to membership in another Jurisdiction or Sovereignty upon such conditions and under such rules and regulations as this Grand Lodge may have prescribed, or may at any time adopt.

Rep. McLEAN, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. HARMON, of California, instructing the Committee to inquire into the expe-

diency of having the Revised Journal of this Session printed at Chicago, would respectfully report, that they have fully considered the subject, and find that the cost would be somewhat greater than at Baltimore, but believing that there is a disposition on the part of the members of this Grand Body, as indicated in the resolution referred to them, that the work should be done in Chicago, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to enter into a contract with Messrs. Ellis & Kennedy, for the printing of the Revised Journal of this Session, in accordance with their proposal herewith submitted ; the paper on which it is printed to be not less in weight than fifty-six pounds per ream, sized and calendered.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. McLEAN,
W. A. SHIELDS,
A. L. STINSON,
HENRY LINDENBERG,
W. RICHARDSON.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the following resolution, offered by Rep. HUBBARD, of Wisconsin, to wit :

"Resolved, That Rebekah Degree Lodges shall be clothed with the power to receive or reject applications for membership, and the sole right to confer the Degree in their respective localities, and that the continuance of membership of the wife of an Odd-Fellow who has received the Degree, shall not depend upon his maintaining his standing and membership in the Subordinate Lodge to which he belongs, but upon her own fidelity and good conduct, or the reverse ;"

Respectfully report that the first subject referred to in this resolution has been disposed of by a former report of this Committee, and that they deem it inexpedient to legislate upon the second subject embraced in the resolution. We therefore present for adoption the following :

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,
WM. R. McLEAN,
C. VANCE,
THEO. A. ROSS,
E. H. WHITNEY.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the petition of Brothers for a Grand Lodge, to be located in British Columbia, have examined the petition, and find by the papers accompanying that there are but three Lodges and one Encampment now located in said Provinces. The By-Laws, Article IV, of this Grand Body provide there shall be ten or more Subordi-

nates in a District to enable us to grant a Charter. Therefore we offer the following resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant said petition.

E. J. HAMILTON,
J. W. SMITH,
JAS. W. WROTH,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
JOHN W. HUDSON,
THOS. UNDERWOOD.

On motion of Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, leave of absence was granted to Rep. BARBER, of Mississippi, for the remainder of the Session.

Rep. CURRY, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. HARMON, found on page 5192, Journal, as follows :

"That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to inquire into the propriety of granting mileage and per diem to Bro. J. Y. DASHIEL," would report, that this resolution having been referred to us, we have considered it, and find that Bro. DASHIEL came to attend this Grand Body in good faith, but on account of his commission being in violation of law, he has been prevented from attending the present Session. It appears there has not been a Representative in attendance from his Jurisdiction ; said Jurisdiction has, however, paid its Representative tax. Your Committee would therefore offer the following :

Resolved, That mileage, without per diem, be paid Rep. DASHIEL.

W. T. CURRY,
THOS. C. PORTER,
H. E. DODGE,
JOHN MATHESON,
J. MARIS,
C. LANEY MEYER,
RALPH WILLIAMS,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
O. B. WHITTEN

Rep. MORSE, of California, presented the Constitution and By-Laws of Borussia Lodge, No. 2, of Prussia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. CURRY, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was recommitted the report on Rep. LAMBERTON's resolution (page 5166, Journal), with instructions, would now report the following :

Resolved, That hereafter, on every order for Supplies furnished by this

Grand Lodge, a discount of ten per cent. shall be allowed ; and, in all cases, the cash shall accompany the order.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. CURRY,
T. C. PORTER,
J. MARIS,
O. B. WHITTEN,
JOHN MATHIESON,
C. LANEY MEYER,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
HENRY WILLIAMS,
H. E. DODGE.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, from the same Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Finance Committee submit the following estimated statement of the receipts and expenditures of this R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year :

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of R. W. G. Treasurer, Sept. 16, 1871.....	\$23,770 04
From Representative tax from the different Jurisdictions.....	9,150 00
From sale of Cards.....	8,000 00
From sale of Odes.....	1,500 00
From sale of Books.....	15,000 00
From sale of Diplomas,.....	1,200 00
For Charter fees.....	300 00
For sale of Dismissal and Rebekah Certificates.....	1,100 00
From dues.....	1,000 00
From interest of United States Bonds.....	900 00
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	\$61,920 04

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES.

For amount to be paid to Representatives and Officers of this Grand Lodge as mileage and per diem.....	\$16,000 00
For amount to be paid for printing Revised Journal.....	4,000 00
For amount to be paid for Daily Journal.....	800 00
For amount to be paid for Books.....	3,500 00
For amount to be paid for Cards, Odes, and Diplomas.....	1,600 00
For amount to be paid for New Digest.....	3,500 00
For amount to be paid for printing Reports of Grand Sire and Grand Secretary.....	600 00
For amount to be paid to Grand Secretary as salary.....	3,000 00
For amount to be paid to Grand Treasurer.....	500 00
For amount to be paid to Gr. Rep. White for preparing, etc., New Digest.....	1,200 00
For amount to be paid to Grand Messenger as salary.....	1,400 00
For amount to be paid for rent, fuel, lights, etc., for Gr. Secretary.....	600 00
For amount to be appropriated to the Contingent Fund.....	1,000 00
For amount to be paid to P. G. Rep. James Young, for his services at this Session.....	116 00
For amount to be paid to Sewall Morse, D. D. G. Sire, for expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties in Vermont.....	16 70
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	\$37,832 70

Your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-seven thousand eight hundred and thirty-two dollars and seventy cents, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the payment of the Annual expenses of this R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, and that the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to draw his warrants upon the R. W. Grand Treasurer therefor at such times and in such amounts as may be required to pay proper bills as presented.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be directed to invest in U. S. Government bonds out of the surplus funds of the R. W. Grand Lodge such sums, from time to time, as in his judgment he may consider to be required by the best interests of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the R. W. G. Sire and the R. W. G. Secretary be authorized to execute a Power of Attorney to the R. W. Grand Treasurer to enable him to collect from the U. S. Treasury the amount of certain registered bonds of the United States which, by the circular issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, are to be presented for redemption on or before the first day of December, 1871, and all payment of interest on said bonds will cease at that time; and it therefore becomes necessary to authorize some one to collect the principal of said bonds in order that the amount may be re-invested.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. C. PORTER,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
J. MARIS,
H. E. DODGE,
C. LANEY MEYER,
W. T. CURRY,
JOHN MATHESON,
RALPH WILLIAMS.

Rep. CUNNINGHAM, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida to Article IX, Section 1, adopted January, 1870, and the Constitution of Borussia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., Berlin, Prussia, approved September 22, 1871, have examined the same, and respectfully present the following:

Resolved, That the Constitutional amendment to the Grand Lodge of Florida, and the Constitution of Borussia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., Berlin, Prussia, above referred to, be approved.

P. L. CUNNINGHAM,
JOHN F. MORSE,
CALEB RAND,
J. H. ROBINSON,
H. D. McCARTY,
GEO. DAMON,
BENJ. FLETCHER, JR.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution of Rep. ELLIS, of Illinois, in the words following, to-wit:

"Whereas, The flag adopted by this R. W. Grand Lodge is designed to designate only Grand Jurisdictions; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the following form and style of flag be adopted for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, to-wit: Five and a half feet wide, and six feet long, with the name and number of the Lodge or Encampment and Jurisdiction painted or wrought upon it, either in gold, upon scarlet ground, or in scarlet only if for a Lodge, or in purple if for an Encampment;"

Respectfully report, that we are of the opinion that Rep. ELLIS is incorrect in the idea that the design for an Odd Fellows' flag, adopted by this R. W. Grand Body, at the Session of 1868, Journal 4394, 4418, is intended only to designate Grand Jurisdictions. We think it clear that the law providing for the flag was intended for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, as well as Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments; and that the design is such as to meet the wants of our Order, and that further legislation is not needed at this time. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the legislation proposed in the foregoing resolution is inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,
HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN MEDOLE,
JOHN B. HARMON,
JAMES WOODYATT,
ALBERT COHEN,
JAMES A. PRICE

Rep. ARCHER, of Missouri, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rules:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report, that they have carefully and thoroughly examined the correspondence of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary, received during the past year, and find that all the matters referred to therein have received the prompt attention of those officers, and require no further action on the part of this Grand Lodge. The correspondence has been voluminous and comprehensive, embracing in its scope letters from all parts of this country and many places in Europe. Many of these letters are from individual members of the Order, making inquiries in regard to the laws and usages of the Order, which inquiries should more properly have been propounded to the Grand Officers of their respective Jurisdictions, thus saving the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary a vast amount of unnecessary labor.

The Committee find no other correspondence than that already alluded to, that requires their attention.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. ARCHER,
GEO. DEAN,
W. H. LANPHEAR,
N. H. COLTON,
NATHAN PORTER,
E. D. TOWL.

Rep. DURYEA, of South Carolina, from the Special Committee on Schools and Asylums, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Schools and Asylums, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's Report as relates to a communication from WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE, P. G. S., WM. THAYER, P. G. R., and others, Representatives of South Carolina, relative to a fair to be held in November next at Charleston, S. C., ask leave to report:

That they have examined the communication referred to, and find it to be a request to the M. W. Grand Sire to state in his Annual Address to this Grand Body the purpose of the Lodges in the city of Charleston to hold a fair in that city in November next, with a view to help the charity fund of the several Lodges which have been greatly reduced and crippled, and with the hope of stimulating an increased interest in the Order; and also to recommend this purpose to the kindly consideration and fraternal regard of the Order in other and more prosperous Jurisdictions. Your Committee are convinced that our brothers in South Carolina have suffered severely, and have made and are making every effort to sustain and advance our Order in that Jurisdiction, and are worthy and deserving of every aid and encouragement in their noble undertaking to again rebuild their altars and recover their former prosperity and usefulness in the Order, and they would respectfully recommend the approval of this Grand Body, and therefore present the following:

Resolved, That in view of the objects set forth in the communication above referred to, this Grand Body approves and recommends the same to the fraternal consideration, regard, and aid of other and more prosperous Jurisdictions and the Fraternity at large, and earnestly desires complete success to the enterprise as proposed by the brethren in South Carolina in holding their contemplated fair.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. DURYEA,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
JOS. H. GARDINER,
WILL. P. SHARP.

Rep. PARTRIDGE, of Ontario, seconded by Reps. CARTER, of Ohio; DEAN, of Michigan; COHEN, of Arkansas; TURNER, of Ohio; MEYER, of South Carolina; MATHESON, of Lower Provinces; WILLIAMS, of Alabama; WOODYATT, of Ontario; and DOLSON, of Ontario; laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States as follows: Article I, Section 1, to strike out the words "of the United States" and insert "of America," so as to make the section read as follows:

Section 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the Grand Lodge of America of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

Also Article I, Section 2, to strike out the words "the United States of" so that the section shall read as follows:

Section 2. It is the source of all true and legitimate Odd-Fellowship in America, and possesses such powers and jurisdiction over the whole brotherhood as are provided in the Constitution and Ritual of this Order; its authority extends also to such Lodges and Encampments as may be organized under its Charter in foreign countries.

Rep. FOULK, of Delaware, asked and obtained leave of absence from and after this day.

The Lodge now proceeded to the Special Order, fixed for this day, to wit: the reception of obituary notices from Representatives, when,

Rep. CUNNINGHAM, of Connecticut, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Sire :

Our Jurisdiction is called upon again to pay a tribute of respect to a departed Brother ; one who has passed a long, active and honorable life :

The death of ELIPHALET G. STORER, Past Grand Representative, occurred at his residence in New Haven, September 24th, 1870, at the advanced age of 77 years.

"Cold in the dust this perished heart may lie,
But that which warmed it once shall never die."

Bro. STORER was born at Rutland, Vermont, September 27th, 1793. He was initiated in Quinniac Lodge, No. 1, New Haven, October 21, 1839, the fifth meeting of the Order in the State ; was elected Grand Master in 1857, and a member of this Grand Lodge in 1858-9—being a member of our beloved Order over thirty years.

He was also identified with the Masonic Order for fifty years, holding many important offices, and that of Grand Secretary for thirty years, which gave him a prominence among the Fraternity throughout the State. He accomplished much, and whatever he did has been done well : he enjoyed the respect of all with whom he was associated or acquainted.

Bro. STORER was a devoted Mason and Odd-Fellow, a good and honest man, whose memory will be cherished by the Order in Connecticut, with whose interest and prosperity he was intimately and earnestly identified for so many years. He was of very quiet and placid disposition, and does not appear to have had any enemies. He certainly had his friends, and their trust in his honor was never betrayed. He sacredly regarded his word, and no bond was needed to insure its fulfillment. He has gone down to his grave with no blemish on his good name.

"No farther seek his merits to disclose,
Or draw his frailties from their dread abode,
(There they alike in trembling hope repose,)
The bosom of his Father and his God."

Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, rose in his place and addressed the Grand Lodge, as follows :

Most Worthy Grand Sire :

In this Association, as in others, where men are brought in contact with each other, and have the opportunity of learning the intrinsic worth, the excellencies of character which must inhere to the representative men of such institutions, many pleasing customs obtain, which attract the attention of the most cursory observers, and command their approbation.

Every year, in this Grand Body, members gather from all parts of our widely extended country, and even from beyond its boundaries, and extending the bond of friendship, renew the intimacies which had been interrupted, but not broken, by our separation, cement old ties, and form new ones.

Every other year, by the aid of the artist, we place upon our walls the portrait of him whom our united voice has designated as the foremost man in our ranks, so that our portrait gallery contains the likeness of each of those who have filled the position of Presiding Officer of this Grand Lodge, the fathers of our Order. But the most touching, the most commanding usage which exists among us, is that of enshrining in eulogy the names and memories of those who have been our co-laborers, our fellow-members in this august assembly, those whom their constituencies have selected as pre-eminently the representative men of this great brotherhood.

It has fallen to my lot to perform this office for one whose name had become a household word in our Jurisdiction ; whose memory will be cherished by his brethren, and live in the hearts of the widows and orphans when the marble shaft—man's outward token of honor and regret—shall have crumbled into dust.

JOHN R. PIPER, P. G. M. and P. G. R., the subject of my remarks, was admitted to our fraternity in Beacon Lodge, No. 15, March 15, 1847, and, having filled with great credit several subordinate offices, was installed N. G., January 6, 1851. On the 15th of July, of the same year, he entered our Grand Lodge, where, after serving in many positions of honor, to the satisfac-

tion of his brethren, among them the office of Grand Warden, he was, on the 9th of November, 1859, elected Grand Master; and, by his executive ability, promptness, and impartiality, deserved and obtained the praise of his associates, and established a reputation for ability which resulted in his election as Representative to this Grand Body, in which he served, with credit to himself and honor to his Jurisdiction, during the years 1863 and 1864, and would probably have continued in that position until his death, but for the fact that at this time, an insidious disease, which had become implanted in his system, began to give trouble, and to foreshadow the inevitable result which care and science might delay but could not prevent, making it necessary for him to devote all the time he could spare from his profession to his own personal comfort and condition. In the Encampment branch he was similarly honored, and his earnestness was rewarded by his selection to fill the various offices, from the most humble to the most exalted.

Having exhausted all the medical resources of the new world without being benefited, in 1868, under the auspices of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of our Jurisdiction, he visited the old world, hoping in Germany to find a cure for his disease; but it was in vain. March 16th of this year death closed this life history, and claimed him as his prey. But the destroyer had no terrors for him. For a number of years death had been his constant companion; whether in the Lodge-room, around the festive board, or in the bosom of his family, this presence was always beside him. He knew not what a moment might bring forth; the present only was his, he had no future to which he could look; but, having lived an exemplary life, having faithfully performed all his duties, whether as husband, citizen, or friend, he was prepared for the summons whenever it might come. Death was no enemy to him, but a friend, in whose company he was finishing the remnant of his earthly probation, and whose hand, at the proper time, would release him from the troubles, pains, and vexations of this transitory existence, and open up to him the glories of an everlasting life. Involuntarily we exclaim with the poet:

"He is dead to man, he lives to God."

And the bright smile which lingered on his countenance, even after the spirit had departed, but attests the declaration of "death the friend" in parting from him.

"I came to him, thou see'st, but in peace,
As unto peace. Behold his eyes are closed!
I called his spirit, and it passed in sleep;
And brighter angels, for I cannot rise
In that pure air, bore it to sweeter rest,
To larger knowledge of the Lord he loved,
And gladder service."

Rep. McLEAN, of the District of Columbia, arose in his place and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Sir:

Our Jurisdiction mourns the loss of another of its honored sons—one of the early pioneers of the Order; one who took upon himself its obligations before the enlightened sentiment of the present day had given to Odd-Fellowship its exalted position as one of the great humanitarian institutions of the age, but when to bear its insignia and wear its regalia was to make one's self a target for the finger of scorn—a mark for the sarcasms of the ignorant and the self-righteous. But he, with others of the coterie who attended its birth and watched with interest its infantile struggles, was willing to bear this and much more for the love he bore its sacred principles, and the glorious future which they with almost prophetic vision saw would attend its manhood and maturity.

On the 17th of July, 1871, JOHN MILLS, P. G. M. and P. G. R., departed this life in the 63d year of his age. Suddenly, we might say almost like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, the sable wings of death touched his forehead, his spirit left its earthly casket, and crossing the river entered into that "blissful abode where the weary are at rest."

He connected himself with our Order in the city of Baltimore the day that he reached his majority, and being frequently thrown into the company of the early reformers, and enjoying their confidence and esteem, he became imbued with the spirit which actuated these workers in the cause of human benefaction, and co-operated with them in banishing from its council-board the intoxicating bowl and redeeming it from the reproach that had fallen upon it.

Soon after this, Bro. MILLS located in Washington, and at once identified himself with a Lodge in that city, and rendered efficient service in forwarding the interests of the cause in this new field of its operations, and in time became one of the charter members of Washington Lodge, in which he filled all the offices of honor and trust to the satisfaction of his fellow members. Such was his activity and energy that but a short time elapsed after he entered the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, before his merits were acknowledged by his brethren electing him to preside over its councils as Grand Master.

In 1837 this honorable career culminated in his election as Representative to this most Worthy Grand Body, and during the time he occupied a seat on this floor, was ever found among the foremost and most ardent friends of any measure which promised to be interesting to the Order or beneficial to the brotherhood.

His love and veneration for the principles of the Order was the ruling passion of his life, his exertions in its behalf untiring, and to its teachings he continued steadfast unto the end. He was faithful to his duty as a citizen, devoted as a parent, and trusted as a public officer. Long will his memory be cherished as a faithful friend and true Odd-Fellow.

Rep. SPEAR, of Maryland, rose in his place and addressed the Grand Lodge, as follows :

Most Worthy Grand Sire :

Sorrow's mournful arch must again be reared, and under it must we bend low our heads in paying tribute to another deceased brother, A. E. WARNER, P. G. Representative of the Jurisdiction of Maryland, and P. G. Treasurer of this Grand Lodge. From some oversight, the announcement was not made at the last Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and hence it is incumbent upon me to call your attention to it now, in doing which, however, I shall be very brief. Our deceased brother was one of the oldest lights in Odd-Fellowship. Standing amongst the few who composed our chosen band in the years long since gone by, he ever worked and labored for its success, and verily he was not without his reward.

In the year 1835, he represented by proxy in this Grand Body the District of Columbia ; in 1841, was elected Grand Representative from Maryland ; and from 1835 to 1853, held the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

On the 16th January, 1870, silence reigned around his couch, as with stealthy footsteps the dread herald of death approached. One sigh of icy breath, one shudder, and all was over. Faith closed what years before was begun in weakness.

From angel choristers above arose a song of thanksgiving to Him who had released the tired spirit from its prison-house of pain, that it might taste the peace and mingle in the melody of heaven.

When that hour arrives for us, my brethren, may we ever be sustained by that which sustained him, the consciousness of having been governed in life by worthy and good principles.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, rose in his place and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows :

Most Worthy Grand Sire and Grand Representatives :

It becomes my painful duty in behalf of the Maryland Delegation to announce a great calamity to the Order. I allude to the sudden death of

JOSEPH B. ESCAVAILLE, P. G. P. of Maryland, our late colleague as a Representative in this body. On the 31st day of December, 1870, he died, after a brief illness, in the midst of his friends and family and whilst in the active discharge of his duties as an Odd-Fellow.

In announcing so great a loss, I can not express the grief which has thrilled the Order with agony and called for tears in all portions of the Jurisdiction of this Body. A brother has fallen—so able—so devoted—so lovely in his life and so beloved by his brethren, that his superior was difficult to find in the catalogue of the Order.

His obituary does not admit of the dry details of official service; let it suffice that he served with honor and applause in nearly every position known to the Order. Of his services on this floor you and your records are the best historians. We know that he brought to the discharge of his duties a tact, an energy and intelligence so rare, as to render him efficient for every purpose and in every position. His manly dignity, his gentle courtesy, his ardent zeal and generous warmth of fraternal love made him at once a pattern for imitation and a great leader in the Order. When you meet again in Baltimore you will miss the cordial greeting of this brother who so often made you welcome to Maryland. But his own Jurisdiction has suffered an irreparable loss—of all the young men of the present generation he was unquestionably the first. Taught in the school of Ridgely, and by the example of such pure and consistent fathers as Marley, he was their favorite pupil, and did honor to his teacher and exemplars. But the deceased had one distinction peculiar to himself: the schedule of our names as they appear in the Journal, shows our connection with the varied forms of business by which men live and support their families. Thus we are designated as mechanics, merchants, physicians and lawyers; our work here is necessarily secondary to the business by which we are known in the community. But the deceased knew no other work than the work of the Order. He was one of its children, who owned no other parent, a subject who owed no other allegiance than that which he owed to the Order. His pride and ambition were fully gratified by a seat in this Body, and he was satisfied with the title of "R. W. G. Secretary" of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. Beyond these he had no ambition. With talents of no common order and a singular fitness for business of every kind, he persistently refused and neglected all the ordinary avenues of worldly success, and dedicated his life to our institution. For a salary just sufficient to keep the "wolf from the door," he worked in all seasons and with untiring zeal for the common weal; with a popularity, social and political, in his native city beyond almost any of his fellow-citizens, and with a certainty of attaining any honor to which he might there aspire, he proudly retained his place as Grand Secretary in preference to any title which could be offered for his acceptance. How he demeaned himself in that great place let those that follow speak. Is it not printed in our records and written in abiding characters upon the tables of our hearts? For the many offerings of sympathy from other Jurisdictions the Representatives from Maryland return their thanks, and can never forget the consolation furnished by the members of this body, who mourn over this common bereavement.

He is gone from us forever, but his monument rises in our history, and his example will for many years to come be the pattern of the noblest and best who shall direct the destiny of this gigantic institution.

Peace to his ashes—honor to his stainless name!

Rep. ARCHER, of Missouri, rose in his place and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Sir:

Since the meeting of this Grand Lodge, the sad intelligence has been received of the death of CLARK H. GREEN, P. Grand Representative of Missouri. Suddenly and without premonition he was cut down in the discharge of his duties as a citizen and an Odd-Fellow. A P. G. Representative for nearly a quarter of a century, and an ardent, zealous, and efficient member of the Order, he did much in the Jurisdiction in which he resided to promote and extend the principles of our Order. He served the Grand Lodge of his

State in various important positions with fidelity and ability. He represented his Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States at the Session of 1852. He was a man of enlarged views and heart, and well deserved the confidence and love of his brethren; and his death will prove a loss to the Jurisdiction of which he was an honored member and to the Order at large. Let us cherish the memory of his many noble virtues, and emulate his example of devotion to Odd-Fellowship.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, rose in his place and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows :

Most Worthy Grand Sire :

At our last Session mine was the melancholy duty to announce the death of a former colleague, with whom many years ago I had served in this Grand Body.

I rise to-day to perform a similar duty, and to pay an humble tribute of respect to the memory of another P. G. Rep. from the Jurisdiction of Georgia.

Bro. JAMES L. HAUPT departed this life at his home in Savannah, on the 30th day of October, 1870, aged fifty-four years and one day. He was initiated into the Order on the 9th of September, 1856. Passing the chairs in the Subordinate Lodge, he was admitted into the Grand Lodge of the State in June, 1860, served as Deputy G. M. in 1863, and as Grand Master in 1866. In 1867 he was elected and took his seat as Representative, serving in this Grand Lodge for two Sessions.

As a man and a citizen, Bro. HAUPT was quiet and unobtrusive in his daily walk and conversation, yet active and zealous in the discharge of his duties in all the relations of life.

As a private in the ranks of Odd-Fellowship he was ever faithful in the practice of its sublime teachings. As an officer in his Subordinate Lodge and as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, while he was firm and decided in the administration of the law, yet he was always kind and courteous, gentle and affable in his intercourse with his brethren.

As a Representative upon this floor he was faithful to his trust. With a vigilant eye he watched the business presented for the consideration and action of the Grand Lodge, and either approved or condemned, in no equivocal manner, every measure or proposition as his judgment decided it might affect the interest of the Order, for good or for evil.

Such, Most Worthy Grand Sire, is an imperfect sketch of another pillar of our beloved Order, which has fallen in the Jurisdiction of Georgia, and whose mortal part now moulders with its kindred dust, and whose spirit has returned to the God who gave it.

Rep. EVANS, of Nebraska, rose in his place and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows :

Most Worthy Grand Sire :

It becomes my duty to announce the name first to be enrolled upon the pages allotted to Nebraska in the Sacred History which this Grand Lodge is so fitly making, commemorative of its honored dead :

JONAS HACKER, Past Grand Representative of the Jurisdiction of Nebraska, died at his home in Brownville, Nebraska, on the morning of January 3d, 1871. He was for many years an active, zealous Odd-Fellow; always faithfully discharging the arduous duties imposed—from the initiate to that of the highest position of honor and trust within the gift of the Brotherhood of his Jurisdiction. He was elected and installed into the office of M. W. Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska, at its Annual Session of 1866. He also represented the Jurisdiction of Nebraska in this Grand Lodge at its Sessions 1868-9.

Bro. HACKER had attained his 64th year, and the most of this long and useful life had been devoted to fostering and advancing the interests of the various charitable and benevolent enterprises of the day.

Although for many years an uncomplaining sufferer from a most distressing and painful disease, yet he ceased not to labor for the good of mankind until he ceased to live. Ever true in his friendships, faithful in the discharge of duty, kind and generous, and of modest, unassuming demeanor, he commanded and possessed in a high degree the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. His daily life was a truthful exemplification of the holy precepts of our beloved Order, and we unite with a bereaved widow and orphan children, and with a sorrowing community, in mourning the irreparable loss sustained in the death of our honored and beloved brother.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, rose in his place and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Sire:

Although I deem it to be a duty incumbent upon one of the Representatives of the Lodge branch to announce the death of one of its P. G. Representatives, yet, rather than allow it to pass unnoticed, I rise for the purpose of formally announcing the demise of JOHN G. CLAYTON, P. G. P., P. G. M., and P. G. Rep. of the Jurisdiction of New York, who died on the 2d day of October last, at his home in Flatbush, L. I., in the 62d year of his age.

Bro. CLAYTON was initiated in Columbia Lodge, No. 1, in New York City, in the year 1840, and admitted to membership in the Grand Lodge of New York in February, 1842. In 1851 he was elected G. Rep. to this Grand Lodge to fill a vacancy occasioned by resignation. In 1854 he was elected Grand Master, and in 1855 he was returned to this Grand Body as G. Rep. for two years, from the Grand Lodge of Southern New York. In 1857 he was re-elected for an additional term of two years.

During the thirty years of his connection with Odd-Fellowship he was one of its most zealous and useful members. In his death the Jurisdiction of New York has sustained the loss of one who, in the faithful fulfillment of the duties of the many positions to which he had, from time to time, been called, furnished examples of prudence, zeal and integrity eminently worthy of our imitation and emulation. His life in Odd-Fellowship was devoted to a practical illustration of its noble principles, and, by strict honesty, faithfulness and good works, endeared himself to the fraternity and to his fellow man whenever and wherever he was known. As a citizen he exerted himself for the public good, and in all places of honor and responsibility to which he had been elevated he won the confidence and esteem of the community in which he moved, and commanded the respect of all. His guide and rule of conduct was the Golden Rule, and he aimed to live in accordance with the teachings of Odd-Fellowship in his every-day life.

Upright in his every act, he was earnest and honest in his every thought. He was true in his friendship, warm in his attachment, conscientious in the discharge of his duties, modest and unpretending in his conduct.

To our Order he yielded the earnest devotion of a heart thoroughly imbued with its great and glorious principles. Few among us were more conversant with the laws, usages and privileges of the Order than Bro. CLAYTON, and, by a strict and watchful zeal in its behalf, he gave additional lustre to its beauties, and added moral force to its high commands.

Rep. SMITH, of North Carolina, rose in his place and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

It becomes my painful duty to announce to this R. W. Grand Lodge the decease of Bro. WM. J. HOKE, P. G. Rep. of the Jurisdiction of North Carolina, which occurred on the 11th of October last, in Columbia, S. C.

Bro. HOKE had removed from his home in Lincolnton, N. C., to Columbia, S. C., where but a short time before his death he had embarked in mercantile business. He was a visitor of this Grand Body at our Session in Baltimore, in September last, in good health and spirit, and cordially welcomed by the Representatives who had known him in former years. He returned to his home in Columbia after the pleasant episode in his closing career, and

about two weeks thereafter, without warning, while at the post of duty, with the genial smile on his lips which so well adorned his manly face, he was struck dead—transported from the cares of life, we trust, to eternal life in a brighter sphere. Bro. HOKE was a gentleman in every sense, a true Odd-Fellow, and universally loved, and will be mourned by the Order in North Carolina.

The Lodge, on motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, proceeded to the special order, to-wit: The consideration of reports of Committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 5155, from the Legislative Committee, amending the resolutions of 1870, pages 4892, 4893, on the subject of granting Dismissal Certificates, being under consideration,

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Indiana, moved to recommit the report to the Committee with instructions to report the resolution found on page 5119, which was not agreed to. The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was agreed to.

The next report, from the same Committee, same page, on the subject of repealing the resolution, page 4834, relating to Lodges transacting business on Sunday, was considered.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved indefinitely to postpone the subject. The question being on the motion indefinitely to postpone,

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows:

“Will the Lodge adopt the report of the Legislative Committee?” (which the CHAIR, Deputy G. Sire LOGAN presiding, declared to be the main question,) which was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows :

Yeas—Reps. Adkison, Birchett, Carter, Cohen, Cox, Damon, Dodge, Dolson, Duryea, Ellis (2 votes,) Evans, Garey, Glenn of Georgia, Hall, Hamilton, Harmon, Henning, Hudson, Johnson, Kent, Lindenberg, McLaren, Madden, Mangham, Medole, Meyer, Morse, Nungesser, Phillips, Porter of California, Randlett, Rawlings, Richardson, Shields, Spear, Stafford, Vandegriff, Wadleigh, White, Williams, Wilson, Woodyatt, Wroth—44.

Nays—Reps. Alexander, Archer, Baker, Barber, Barrows, Brown, Caniff, Clark of Vermont, Cunningham, Curry, Curtis, Davis, Dean, Dowden, Driggs, Driscoll, Durham, Earl, Fairchilds, Fitzhugh, Fletcher, Foulk, Gardiner, Given, Glenn of Iowa (2 votes,) Harris, Haseltine, Hickok, Hubbard, Lamberton, Lane, Lanphear, Latham, Leech, McCarty, McLean (2 votes,) Maris, Matheson, Olney, Partridge, Perkins, Pierce, Porter of Mas-

sachusetts, Price, Rand, Robinson, Ross, Sexton, Simmons, Simpson, Smith of Connecticut, Smith of North Carolina, Stinson, Stokes, Taylor, Ticknor, Tompkins, Trappe, Turner, Underwood, Vance (2 votes,) Varney, Westfall (2 votes,) Whittaker, Whitney, Whitten, Wickersham, Wildman, Wilkerson, Williams, Wise—76.

The next report, page 5157, from the Committee on the State of the Order, relating to the establishment of the Order in South America, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5158, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolutions, page 5121 and page 5124, relative to changing the terms of Subordinate Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the proposed amendment to the By-Laws, to discontinue the publication of the names of members suspended for cause, or expelled from the Order, was considered and adopted, by a vote of two-thirds required to amend the By-Laws.

The next report, page 5159, from the same Committee, on the preamble and resolutions presented by Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, page 5124, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, confirming the Warrant for the institution of Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, at Stuttgart, Wurttemberg, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5169, from the same Committee, confirming the Warrant for an Encampment located at Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, confirming the Warrant for an Encampment at Hastings, State of Minnesota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, confirming the Warrant for a Grand Encampment to be located at St. Paul, Minnesota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5161, from the same Committee, confirming the Warrant for a Grand Encampment, in the State of Vermont, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, confirming the Warrant for Germania Lodge, No. 1, at Berlin, Prussia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5162, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of PHILIP LOWRY, P. G., of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5164, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the Grand Sire's visitations South, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. WHITE, of New York, proposing to repeal the resolution on page 4932, relative to granting Dismissal Certificates without vote, was considered.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following:

Resolved, That the report be re-committed to the Committee, with instructions to report a resolution repealing the resolution of Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, page 3732, Journal.

The question being on the motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York,

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved to lay the resolution to re-commit on the table.

Pending the consideration of this motion, the hour fixed for recess having arrived, the CHAIR declared the Lodge at recess for one hour.

TWO O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess, and resumed the consideration of the subject pending at the time of recess, viz: the motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, to lay on the table the motion to re-commit, which was resolved in the negative. The question recurring on the motion to re-commit with instructions, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the Committee, it was agreed to.

The next report, page 5165, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5166, from the Legislative Committee, relative to the qualifications of Past Chief Patriarchs and Past

High Priests, for visiting in different Jurisdictions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, on the resolution proposing to allow a discount of ten per cent. on all purchases of Supplies amounting to \$200, or upwards, was considered.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved to re commit the report to the Committee with instructions to report the following resolution, which was agreed to, and the report was accordingly re-committed :

Resolved, That hereafter in every order for Supplies furnished by the Grand Lodge, a discount of ten per cent. shall be allowed, and that in all cases the cash must accompany the order.

The next report, page 5167, from the same Committee, proposing to reduce the price of Cards and Dismissal Certificates, was considered, and the question being on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the negative.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, directing the Secretary to credit the Grand Encampments of Minnesota and Vermont, respectively, with the amount of dues paid by the Subordinate Encampments of said Jurisdictions for the term ending June 30, 1871, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5168, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolutions found on pp. 4394, 4418, defining the flag of our Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5171, from the Finance Committee, on the subject of paying the traveling expenses of D. D. G. Sires, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, authorizing the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Illinois to grant permission to Lodges and Encampments to work and transact business in the Scandinavian tongue, was considered. Bro. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, moved to amend by striking out, in the first line, the word "*the*," and insert the word "*any*," and strike out the words "*of Illinois*," in the second line.

Rep. SEXTON, of Indiana, moved further to amend as follows:

Amend by adding to the resolution after the word "*tongue*"—provided, this resolution does not permit any written or printed translation of the Ritual of the Order by such Lodges or Encampments.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. SEXTON, of Indiana, Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 5172, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, on the memorial of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, on the manner of paying Representatives, was considered and adopted.

The next subject, being the amendment to the By-Law proposed by Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, as follows, was considered:

Amend Article XXVI, of By-Laws, so that the Article shall read:

"The Fiscal Year of this Grand Lodge shall commence on the first day of January and terminate on the thirty-first day of December, and all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall make their Annual Reports, as required by Article X, to correspond with the Fiscal Year."

Amend Article X, of By-Laws, so that the last sentence shall read: "Said Returns shall be made to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary on or before the first day of April, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in money current at par in the city of Baltimore, Maryland."

Amend Article III, of By-Laws, by striking out the word "*semi-annually*," and insert instead the word "*annually*," so that the Article shall read:

"Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, *annually*, reports containing the same information as is required from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments by Article X of these laws. The report shall be accompanied by the dues in current money."

On motion of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, indefinitely to postpone the subject, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring, on the proposed amendment, a division was asked for, and the question being on the amendment to Article XXVI, changing the Fiscal Year, it was agreed to, two-thirds of the members present voting in the affirmative.

The question being on the proposed amendment to Article X, it was resolved in the affirmative, two-thirds appearing in the affirmative.

The question now being on the amendment to Article III, By-Laws, it was resolved in the affirmative, two-thirds appearing in the affirmative.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, confirming the Warrant for Bald Mountain Encamp-

ment, No. 4, at Nevada, Territory of Colorado, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5173, from the same Committee, confirming the Warrant for an Encampment at Rutland, Vermont, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, on the application for Rowan Encampment, No. 14, Salisbury, North Carolina, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, confirming the Warrant for Golden Rule Encampment, No. 8, Searcy, Arkansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5174, from the same Committee, confirming the Warrant for the organization of a Lodge at Lima, in the Republic of Peru, South America, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, confirming the Warrant for Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, at Montreal, Province of Quebec, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, confirming the Warrant for McKee Encampment, No. 15, Raleigh, North Carolina, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5175, from the same Committee, authorizing the revival of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, confirming the Warrant for Saline Encampment, No. 4, Nebraska, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. RAND, of Massachusetts, the special order was suspended, when he moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be directed to make up the pay of the members of this Grand Lodge for seven days.

Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, moved to amend the resolution by striking out "seven" and inserting "six," which was not agreed to. The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. RAND, of Massachusetts, Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved the previous question, which, being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. RAND, of Massachusetts?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. PORTER, of California, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be and they are hereby instructed to report per diem and mileage in favor of the several Past Grand Sires present at this Session, as in case of Representatives; and the Grand Treasurer is hereby instructed to pay to said Past Grand Sires the several sums which would be due Representatives from their several States.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, made the following point of order:

I claim that, under the provision of the Constitution, Article XVII, it is incompetent for this Grand Lodge to entertain the question of paying Past Grand Sires.

The CHAIR ruled that the point of order was not well taken, and that the Grand Lodge has the power to appropriate, by a majority vote, moneys for the purpose named. The question being on the resolution of Rep. PORTER, of California, it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas—Reps. Adkison, Alexander, Barber, Barrows, Birchett, Brown, Caniff, Carter, (2,) Clark, of Vermont, Cohen, Curtis, Damon, Evans, Fitzhugh, Foulk, Glenn, of Georgia, Hamilton, Harmon, Harris, Henning, Hickok, Hubbard, Hudson, Kent, Lambertson, Lanphear, McCarty, McLaren, Mangham, Medole, Morse, Pierce, Porter, of California, Price, Randlett, Ross, Sexton, Simmons, Simpson, Stafford, (2,) Stokes, Taylor, Ticknor, Tompkins, Underwood, (2,) Vandegriff, Westfall, Whittaker, White, Whitney, Wilkerson, Williams, of Alabama, (2,) Wise, Wroth—58.

Nays—Reps. Archer, Baker, Colton, Cox, (2,) Curry, Davis, (2,) Dean, (2,) Dodge, Dolson, Dowden, Driggs, Durham, Earl, Ellis, (2,) Fairchild, Fletcher, Gardiner, Garey, Given, Haseltine, Havenner, Latham, Leech, (2,) McLean, Madden, Maris, Matheson, Meyer, Nungesser, Olney, Partridge, (2,) Perkins, Phillips, Porter, of Massachusetts, Rand, Robinson, Sharp, (2,) Smith, of Connecticut, Smith, of North Carolina, Spear, Trapp, Turner, Vance, Varney, Wadleigh, Whitten, Wilson—53.

On motion of Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, the Lodge resolved to adjourn to-morrow *sine die*.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of Reports of Committees, when

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, upon the application for an Encampment at Fair Play, Colorado, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5176, from the same Committee, confirming the Warrant of Bannock Lodge, No. 3, Montana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, on the application for a Grand Encampment for Colorado, was considered.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, moved the following amendment to the resolution:

Resolved, That as there are not a sufficient number of Encampments in Colorado to comply with the By-Laws of this Grand Body for a Grand Encampment; therefore, the Committee ask that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their memorial.

Which was adopted.

The question being on the report and resolution as amended, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, confirming the Warrant of Deer City Lodge, Montana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5177, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the inquiry made from the Grand Lodge of Kansas, page 5143, was considered and adopted.

The next subject, being the amendment to the Rules of Order, page 5177, proposed by Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, to amend Rule 26, was considered. Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was not agreed to. The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 5178, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. PORTER, of California, "That in all Jurisdictions where a representative system of membership in Grand Lodges has been adopted, the power to vote for Grand Officers be confined to the Representatives," was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee appointed to Revise the Constitution, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5179, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, to be found on the same page, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, on the resolution of Rep. ROSS, of New Jersey, page 5144, relative to the vacation of the election when the elective officer fails to appear within three or more successive meetings, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5180, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of a correction and revision of our Ritual in the German text, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5181, from the same Committee, on the resolution of Rep. OSTHEIM, of Oregon, page 4933, relating to the introduction of the Order in England, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, authorizing Jno. A. WHITE, Grand Representative of New York, to supervise a new edition of the Digest, was considered.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, moved to amend as follows, (which was agreed to,) add the following additional resolution:

Resolved, That the Digest shall be exempted from the operation of the law passed this day, deducting 10 per cent. from the prices of supplies.

The question being on the report and resolutions as amended, Rep. EARL, of Ohio, asked a division of the question, and the question being on the first branch of the first resolution, it was agreed to; the question being on the second branch of the resolution,

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, moved further to amend as follows, which was agreed to :

By adding, after the word "digest," in second line, the words "including the legislation of the present session."

The question now being on the report and resolutions as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 5185, from the Committee on the State of the Order, confirming the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, therein named, was considered in connection with the minority report of the same Committee on the same subject, and same page. The question being on the adoption of the majority report,

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, moved to amend as follows: Adopt the minority report; which was resolved in the negative. The question recurring on the majority report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, on the resolution of Rep. COHEN, of Arkansas, page 5136, Journal, on the subject of paying mileage and per diem to P. G. Sires, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, was indefinitely postponed.

The next report, page 5186, from the Special Committee, on the Degree of Rebekah, on the resolution offered by Rep. HARRIS, of New Jersey, proposing to extend the privileges of the Degree of Rebekah to all female relatives of Scarlet Degree members, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, on the several resolutions referred to them, proposing to authorize a ballot for membership in Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, moved indefinitely to postpone the subject, which was not agreed to. The question recurring on the adoption of the report and resolution accompanying, it was decided in the affirmative.

The next report, page 5187, from the Committee on Correspondence, on the correspondence of the M. W. Grand Sire, and the Special Deputy Grand Sire, for Germanic Europe and Switzerland, was considered.

When, on motion of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, the further consideration of the report was postponed, and it was made the special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

The next report, page 5189, from the Committee on Returns, on the Reports of the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies, was considered.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, moved to recommit the report to the Committee, with instructions to report the causes of the incorrectness of the several reports, which was adopted.

The next report, page 5190, from the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the Resolution of Rep. TAYLOR, of Wisconsin, for a representation of Rebekah Lodges in State Grand Bodies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5191, from the same Committee, upon the suggestions of the Grand Sire, relative to the Degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

Rep. DURHAM, of Kentucky, moved that the Lodge now proceed to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 5139, in the case of Southern Lodge, No. 41, of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, which was agreed to.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until to-morrow, which was not agreed to; the question recurred on the adoption of the report.

Pending the consideration of which, the hour fixed for adjournment having arrived, the CHAIR declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, Sept. 23, 1871—9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

D. D. STUART.....M. W. Grand Sire.
 J. LOGAN.....R. W. D. G. Sire.
 JESSE L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
 J. H. VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
 J. W. CAYCE.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
 JESSE SMITH.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
 J. N. E. CHAMBERLAIN.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRE.

J. W. RACE.....Louisiana.
 J. B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
 J. M. VEITCH.....Missouri.
 J. P. SANDERS.....New York.
 J. FARNSWORTH.....Tennessee.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives present and declared them to be duly qualified; whereupon, on further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he declared the lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

By unanimous consent, and on motion of Rep. LEECH, of Alabama, leave of absence was granted to Rep. DAVIS, of West Virginia, for the remainder of the Session.

By unanimous consent, Rep. WILSON, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Mileage, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith submit a tabular statement of the mileage and per diem which Officers, Representatives and Past Grand Sires are entitled to receive, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge. We find that the Chairman of the Committee, appointed at the last Session, for the revision of the Constitution, directed the members thereof to meet here five days before the Session ; in compliance therewith two of the said Committee came to this place at the appointed time, and we consider them justly entitled to five days additional per diem, which we have included in our estimate, believing it will meet with your approval ; we beg leave to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the mileage and the per diem allowed in the accompanying table to each Officer, Representative and Past Grand Sire, is hereby ordered to be paid.

W. C. WILSON,
CHAS. B. HALL,
OMER O. KENT,
LEONIDAS SEXTON,
I. M. WESTFALL,

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P.O.	STATE.	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance.	Mileage.	Per diem.	TOTAL.
GRAND OFFICERS.								
Fred. D. Stuart, M. W. G. Sire	Hydrographer.....	Washington..	Dis. Columbia	841	7	\$84 10	42 00	\$126 10
C. A. Logan, R. W. D. G. Sire	Physician.....	Leavenworth	Kansas.....	514	7	51 40	42 00	93 40
Jas. L. Ridgely, C. & R. Sec.	Farmer.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	800	7	80 00	42 00	122 00
Joshua Vansant, Gr'nd Tr's	Hatter.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	800	7	80 00	42 00	122 00
J. W. Venable, Grand Chap.	Clergyman.....	Versailles.....	Kentucky.....	406	7	40 60	42 00	82 60
S. W. Cayce, Grand Marshal	Merchant.....	Mobile.....	Alabama.....	1000	7	100 00	42 00	142 00
Jas. Smith, Grand Guardian	Restaur'nt Keep'r	London.....	Ontario.....	404	7	40 40	42 00	82 40
Jno. E. Chamberlain, Mess.	Mess. to G. L. U. S.	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	800	7	80 00	42 00	122 00
REPRESENTATIVES.								
Adkison, D. O.....	Postmaster.....	Virginia City	Nevada.....	2228	7	222 80	42 00	264 80
Alexander, J. F.....	Lawyer.....	Greenville.....	Illinois.....	382	7	38 20	42 00	80 20
Archer, C. C.....	Cashier.....	St. Louis.....	Missouri.....	282	7	28 20	42 00	70 20
Baird, Geo.....	Physician.....	Wheeling.....	W. Virginia..	430	7	43 00	42 00	85 00
Baker, H. W.....	Merchant.....	Seaford.....	Delaware.....	950	7	95 00	42 00	137 00
Barber, L. K.....	Lawyer.....	Woodville.....	Mississippi...	1036	5	103 60	30 00	133 60
Barrows, David N.....	Lawyer.....	Jackson.....	Mississippi...	874	7	87 40	42 00	129 40
Birchett, Geo. K.....	Lawyer.....	Vicksburg.....	Mississippi...	914	7	91 40	42 00	133 40
Brown, Chas. H.....	Builder.....	Manchester....	New Hamp's r	1069	7	106 90	42 00	150 90
Canniff, Henry J.....	Physician.....	Prairie City....	Kansas.....	610	7	61 00	42 00	103 00

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Carter, Jno. W.....	Justice of Peace.	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	294	7	\$29 40	\$42 00	\$71 40
Clark, Henry.....	Editor.....	Rutland.....	Vermont.....	928	7	92 80	42 00	134 80
Cohen, Albert.....	Jeweler.....	Little Rock.....	Arkansas.....	815	7	81 50	42 00	123 50
Colton, N. H.....	Merchant.....	Bangor.....	Maine.....	1238	7	123 80	42 00	170 80
Cox, E. Gover.....	Physician.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	800	7	80 00	42 00	122 00
Cunningham, P. L.....	Merchant.....	Sou. Norwalk.....	Connecticut.....	942	7	94 20	42 00	136 20
Curry, W. T.....	State Insur. Agt.....	Harrodsburg.....	Kentucky.....	427	7	42 70	42 00	84 70
Curtis, J. T.....	Physician.....	East Saginaw.....	Michigan.....	290	7	29 00	42 00	71 00
Damon, George.....	Merchant.....	Tallahassee.....	Florida.....	1225	7	122 50	42 00	164 50
Davis, James P.....	Merchant.....	Clarksburg.....	W. Virginia.....	581	7	58 10	42 00	100 10
Dean, George.....	Blacksmith.....	Detroit.....	Michigan.....	284	7	28 40	42 00	70 40
Dodge, Herbert E.....	Dyer.....	Providence.....	Rhode Island.....	1086	7	108 60	42 00	150 60
Dolson, Samuel G.....	Builder.....	St. Catharines.....	Ontario.....	513	7	51 30	42 00	93 30
Dowden, M. S.....	Insurance Agent.....	Lexington.....	Kentucky.....	397	7	39 70	42 00	81 70
Driggs, T. I.....	Manufacturer.....	Waterbury.....	Connecticut.....	998	7	99 80	42 00	140 80
Driscoll, J. F.....	Grand Secretary.....	Providence.....	Rhode Island.....	1086	7	108 60	42 00	150 60
Durham, M. J.....	Lawyer.....	Danville.....	Kentucky.....	403	7	40 30	42 00	82 30
Duryee, R. S.....	Lawyer.....	Charleston.....	S. Carolina.....	1185	7	118 50	42 00	160 50
Earl, W. C.....	Manufacturer.....	Toledo.....	Ohio.....	243	7	24 30	42 00	66 30
Ellis, J. Ward.....	Dentist.....	Chicago.....	Illinois.....	243	7	24 30	42 00	66 30
					7		42 00	42 00

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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P.O.	STATE.	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance	Mileage.	Per diem.	TOTAL.
Evans, John.....	Merchant.....	Omaha.....	Nebraska.....	495	7	\$49 50	\$42 00	\$91 50
Fairchilds, S. D.....	Carriage Maker.....	New Haven.....	Connecticut.....	975	7	97 50	42 00	139 50
Fitzhugh, E. H.....	Lawyer.....	Richmond.....	Virginia.....	975	7	97 50	42 00	139 50
Fletcher, Benjamin.....	Iron Worker.....	Nashua.....	N. Hampshire.....	1077	7	107 70	42 00	149 70
Foult, W. H.....	Builder.....	Wilmington.....	Delaware.....	853	7	85 30	42 00	127 30
Furst, Louis.....	Hotel-keeper.....	Peoria.....	Illinois.....	161	7	16 10	42 00	58 10
Gardner, Jos. H.....	Painter.....	Portsmouth.....	N. Hampshire.....	1083	7	108 30	42 00	150 30
Garey, H. F.....	Lawyer.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	800	7	80 00	42 00	122 00
Given, John T.....	Merchant.....	Washington.....	Dis. Columbia.....	841	7	84 10	42 00	126 10
Glenn, Luther J.....	Lawyer.....	Atlanta.....	Georgia.....	877	12	87 70	72 00	159 70
Glenn, J. B.....	Banker.....	Bloomfield.....	Iowa.....	303	7	30 30	42 00	72 30
Hall, Chas. B.....	Merchant.....	Nashville.....	Tennessee.....	488	7	48 80	42 00	90 80
Hamilton, Edw. J.....	Merchant.....	N. Y. City.....	New York.....	898	7	89 80	42 00	131 80
Harmon, John B.....	Lawyer.....	San Francisco.....	California.....	2407	12	240 70	72 00	312 70
Harris, Israel.....	Cashier.....	Belvidere.....	New Jersey.....	840	7	84 00	42 00	126 00
Havener, John F.....	Baker.....	Washington.....	Dis. Columbia.....	841	3	84 10	18 00	102 10
Haseltine, Jas. E.....	Merchant.....	Portland.....	Maine.....	1148	7	114 80	42 00	156 80
Henning, George.....	Miner.....	Virginia City.....	Nevada.....	2228	7	222 80	42 00	264 80
Hickok, C. N.....	Dentist.....	Bedford.....	Pennsylvania.....	670	7	67 00	42 00	109 00
Hubbard, H. J.....	Manufacturer.....	Manitowoc.....	Wisconsin.....	185	7	18 50	42 00	60 50

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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P.O.	STATE.	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance.	Mileage.	Per diem.	TOTAL.
Hudson, John W.....	Manufacturer.....	Madson.....	Wisconsin.....	138	7	\$13 80	\$42 00	\$55 80
Johnson, John.....	Mayor.....	Memphis.....	Tennessee.....	680	7	68 00	42 00	110 00
Kent, Omer O.....	Lawyer.....	Denver.....	Colorado.....	1295	7	129 50	42 00	171 50
Lamberton, Robert A.....	Lawyer.....	Harrisburg.....	Pennsylvania.....	720	7	72 00	42 00	114 00
Lane, Minot T.....	City Justice.....	Detroit.....	Michigan.....	284	7	28 40	42 00	70 40
Lanphear, W. H.....	County Clerk.....	Appleton.....	Wisconsin.....	213	7	21 30	42 00	63 30
Latham, Hugh.....	Mayor.....	Alexandria.....	Virginia.....	847	7	84 70	42 00	126 70
Leech, Erie J.....	Lawyer.....	Keokuk.....	Iowa.....	250	7	25 00	42 00	67 00
Lindenberg, Henry.....	Editor.....	Columbus.....	Ohio.....	314	7	31 40	42 00	73 40
McCarty, H. D.....	State Superintendent.....	Topeka.....	Kansas.....	612	7	61 20	42 00	103 20
McLaren, Daniel.....	Insurance Agent.....	San Francisco.....	California.....	2407	7	240 70	42 00	282 70
Madden, William.....	Printer.....	Washington.....	Dis. Columbia.....	841	7	84 10	42 00	126 10
McLean, W. R.....	Undertaker.....	Troy.....	New York.....	841	7	84 10	42 00	126 10
Mangham, S. W.....	Insurance Agent.....	Griffin.....	Georgia.....	921	7	92 10	42 00	134 10
Maris, Joshua.....	Lawyer.....	Wilmington.....	Delaware.....	853	7	85 30	42 00	127 30
Matheson, John.....	Merchant.....	Albion Mines.....	Lower Prov.....	1657	7	165 70	42 00	207 70
Medole, John.....	Printer.....	N. York City.....	New York.....	898	7	89 80	42 00	131 80
Meyer, C. Laney.....	Physician.....	Charleston.....	S. Carolina.....	1185	7	118 50	42 00	160 50
Morse, John F.....	Physician.....	San Francisco.....	California.....	2407	7	240 70	42 00	282 70
Nungesser, George.....	Restaurant keeper.....	New Orleans.....	Louisiana.....	1057	7	105 70	42 00	147 70

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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P.O.	STATE.	Days in attendance.		Mileage.	Per diem.	TOTAL.
				Miles traveled.				
Olney, George H.....	Insurance Agent.....	Hope Valley.....	Rhode Island.....	1060	7	\$106 00	\$42 00	\$148 00
Partridge, Thomas.....	Solicitor.....	London.....	Ontario.....	404	7	40 40	42 00	82 40
Perkins, Charles E.....	Merchant.....	Chelsea.....	Massachusetts.....	1039	7	103 90	42 00	145 90
Phillips, P. T.....	Builder.....	Nashville.....	Tennessee.....	488	7	48 80	42 00	90 80
Price, James H.....	Dentist.....	Weston.....	Missouri.....	510	7	51 00	42 00	93 00
Pierce, James.....	Manufacturer.....	New Albany.....	Indiana.....	305	7	30 50	42 00	72 50
Porter, Nathan.....	Lawyer.....	San Francisco.....	California.....	2407	7	240 70	42 00	282 70
Porter, Thomas C.....	Broker.....	Boston.....	Massachusetts.....	1037	7	103 70	42 00	145 70
Rand, Caleb.....	Printer.....	Charleston.....	Massachusetts.....	1040	7	104 00	42 00	146 00
Randlett, R. A.....	Farmer.....	Topeka.....	Kansas.....	612	7	61 20	42 00	103 20
Rawlings, Chas. H.....	Bookbinder.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	800	7	80 00	42 00	122 00
Robbe, C. A.....	Mechanic.....	Augusta.....	Georgia.....	1048	7	104 80	42 00	146 80
Richardson, Willard.....	Editor.....	Galveston.....	Texas.....	1377	7	137 70	42 00	179 70
Robinson, J. H.....	Tax Collector.....	Lynchburg.....	Virginia.....	1018	7	101 80	42 00	143 80
Ross, Theo. A.....	Accountant.....	Newark.....	New Jersey.....	892	7	89 20	42 00	131 20
Sexton, Leonidas.....	Lawyer.....	Rushville.....	Indiana.....	232	7	23 20	42 00	65 20
Sharp, William P.....	Mercantile Agent.....	Ottumwa.....	Iowa.....	285	7	28 50	42 00	70 50
Shields, W. A.....	Printer.....	Mobile.....	Alabama.....	1000	7	100 00	42 00	142 00
Simpsons, John H.....	Mechanic.....	Middlebury.....	Vermont.....	961	7	96 10	42 00	138 10
Simpson, J. Alex.....	Lawyer.....	West Phila.....	Pennsylvania.....	822	7	82 20	42 00	124 20

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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P.O.	STATE.	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance	Mileage.	Per Diem.	TOTAL.
Smith, John W.....	Fire Ins. Agent.....	Waterbury.....	Connecticut.....	988	7	\$38 80	\$42 00	\$140 80
Smith, Wm. L.....	Insurance Agent.....	Wilmington.....	N. Carolina.....	1218	7	121 80	42 00	163 80
Spear, Alex. I.....	Jeweler.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	800	7	80 00	42 00	122 00
Stafford, J. C.....	Merchant.....	Galveston.....	Texas.....	1377	7	187 70	42 00	179 70
Stinson, A. L.....	Printer.....	Salem.....	Oregon.....	3127	7	312 70	42 00	354 70
Stokes, John W.....	Lawyer.....	Philadelphia.....	Pennsylvania.....	824	7	82 40	42 00	124 40
Taylor, Thomas Ward.....	Builder.....	Milwaukee.....	Wisconsin.....	85	7	8 50	42 00	50 50
Ticknor, James L.....	Insurance Agent.....	Rockford.....	Illinois.....	93	7	9 30	42 00	51 30
Tompkins, J. R.....	Lawyer.....	Mobile.....	Alabama.....	1000	7	100 00	42 00	142 00
Towl, E. D.....	Lumberman.....	Salem.....	Oregon.....	3127	7	312 70	42 00	354 70
Trapp, J. D.....	Publisher.....	Lexington.....	Kentucky.....	397	7	39 70	42 00	81 70
Turner, James.....	Citizen.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.....	302	7	30 20	42 00	72 20
Underwood, Thomas.....	Insurance Agent.....	Lafayette.....	Indiana.....	131	7	13 10	42 00	55 10
Vance, Cyrus.....	.....	Clarksburg.....	Virginia.....	581	7	58 10	42 00	100 10
Vandegriff, A. J.....	Merchant.....	New Orleans.....	Louisiana.....	1057	7	105 70	42 00	147 70
Varney, George W.....	Mechanic.....	Dover.....	N. Hampshire.....	1105	7	110 50	42 00	152 50
Wadleigh, Colliss.....	Merchant.....	Boston.....	Massachusetts.....	1037	7	103 70	42 00	145 70
Westral, I. M.....	Clergyman.....	Rochester.....	Minnesota.....	414	7	41 40	42 00	83 40
Whittaker, Dayton B.....	Merchant.....	Bridgeton.....	New Jersey.....	860	7	86 00	42 00	128 00
White, John H.....	Lawyer.....	Albion.....	New York.....	640	7	64 00	42 00	106 00

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM EXPENSES.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P.O.	STATE.	Miles traveled.	Days' attendance.	Mileage.	Per diem.	TOTAL.
Whitney, E. H.....	Merchant.....	Lansing.....	Michigan.....	249	7	\$24 90	\$42 00	\$66 90
Whitten, Orin B.....	Merchant.....	Portland.....	Maine.....	1148	7	114 80	42 00	156 80
Wickersham, E. H.....	Merchant.....	Keokuk.....	Iowa.....	250	7	25 00	42 00	67 00
Williams, Ralph.....	Book-keeper.....	Montgomery.....	Alabama.....	996	7	99 60	42 00	141 60
Wilson, W. C.....	Merchant.....	New Orleans.....	Louisiana.....	1057	7	105 70	42 00	147 70
Williams, J. Fletcher.....	Librarian.....	St. Paul.....	Minnesota.....	491	7	49 40	42 00	91 40
Wise, R. J. S.....	Architect.....	St. Joseph.....	Missouri.....	469	7	46 90	42 00	88 90
Woodyatt, James.....	Town Clerk.....	Brantford.....	Ontario.....	472	7	47 20	42 00	89 20
Wroth, James W.....	Merchant.....	Camden.....	New Jersey.....	826	7	82 60	42 00	124 60
Wildman, I. A.....	Merchant.....	Kokomo.....	Indiana.....	138	7	13 80	42 00	55 80
Wilkerson, E.....	President Ins. Co.....	St. Louis.....	Missouri.....	282	7	28 20	42 00	70 20
PAST GRAND SIRS.								
Kennedy, John A.....	Citizen.....	N. Y. City.....	New York.....	898	7	89 80	42 00	131 80
Sherlock, John A.....	Citizen.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	294	7	29 40	42 00	71 40
Race, George W.....	Lawyer.....	New Orleans.....	Louisiana.....	1057	7	105 70	42 00	147 70
Nicholson, James B.....	Grand Secretary.....	Philadelphia.....	Pennsylvania.....	824	7	82 40	42 00	124 40
Veitch, Isaac M.....	President Ins. Co.....	St. Louis.....	Missouri.....	282	7	28 20	42 00	70 20
Sanders, James P.....	Citizen.....	Yonkers.....	New York.....	914	7	91 40	42 00	133 40
Farnsworth, E. D.....	Insurance Agent.....	Nashville.....	Tennessee.....	488	7	48 80	42 00	90 80
				112,338	7	\$11,233 80	\$5736 00	\$16,969 80

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the business pending at the time of the adjournment on yesterday, to wit: the report of the Committee on Appeals, page 5139, in the case of Southern Lodge, No. 41, of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, which being under consideration, Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report by striking out all of the resolution after the word "be," and substituting the word "sustained," which was not agreed to. The question being on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The M. W. G. Sire submitted the following invitation, which, on motion, was accepted :

BOARD OF TRADE OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, }
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, CHICAGO, *Sept. 23d*, 1871. }

F. D. STUART, Esq.,
M. W. G. Sire,
G. L. U. S., Chicago :

Sir: I take pleasure in extending, on behalf of this Board, an invitation to the membership of the body over which you preside, and now in session in this city, to visit at such time as may suit their individual pleasure the rooms of this Board. The rooms are open from 9, A. M. to 5, P. M., and from 11, A. M. to 1, P. M. is held the general business session, at which time it may be most interesting to strangers to visit the Board. We shall, however, be pleased to see you at any time.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, etc.,

J. W. PRESTON, *President*.

Rep. SPEAR, of Maryland, moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Special Committee of five be appointed to prepare and present resolutions of thanks to the various parties of the city of Chicago, the Order in the State of Illinois, and to the various Railroads and all others who have extended courtesies to the officers and members of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. WILLIAMS, of Minnesota, moved to amend as follows, which was agreed to ; strike out all after the word "resolved," and insert the following :

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., gratefully appreciate the complete and well managed arrangements made by the brotherhood in Chicago for our reception, entertainment and pleasure during the present Session, and hereby tender to them, one and all, our cordial and fraternal thanks for their active and untiring efforts to render our stay amongst them pleasant and profitable.

Resolved, That we are especially indebted to Bro. J. Ward Ellis, P. G. M., the President ; to Bro. E. B. Sherman, Secretary of the General Committee of Arrangements, and the members of the same generally, for their assiduous and laborious exertions in carrying out the difficult duties of that committee, so admirably and completely conducted with regard to our comfort and pleasure, almost anticipating every wish, that they have left us nothing to ask or desire.

Resolved, That to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and to the members generally of this State, as well as those of Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, and other States, whose magnificent ovation to this R. W. Grand Lodge by the greatest public display of the Order ever held in the West, on Tuesday last, was a feature of our "Chicago Session," our thanks are also due, and are hereby gratefully tendered.

Resolved, That we also tender to Bro. JOHN G. RODGERS, P. G. M. and P. G. R., our thanks for the fraternal and lavish hospitality extended to us at his residence in Chicago, an incident of our stay here which we will gratefully remember.

Resolved, That to the Republic Life Insurance Company for a supply of stationery—to Col. Wood, proprietor of "Wood's Museum," for invitations to visit that institution; to Messrs. R. M. Hooley and Frank E. Aiken, of "Hooley's Opera House," for a similar courtesy; to Alderman Busse and Capt. Geo. Miller, and the Messrs. Myers, of the "Chicago Belle," for a pleasure excursion on that steamer; to the board of Police Commissioners, for detailing men as an escort and guides on several occasions; to H. M. Sherwood, for desks and furniture provided for our use; to the Chamber of Commerce, for an invitation to visit that institution; and to Superintendent Pickard, of the Public Schools, for a similar invitation; to J. K. Thompson, Superintendent of the Board of Public Works, for special courtesies, rendering our excursions about the city pleasant; and to the railroads and hotels, for a reduction of fare, our thanks are hereby cordially returned.

Resolved, That our thanks and the thanks of the entire Order are due and are hereby sincerely tendered to the Press of Chicago, for their full, correct, and valuable reports of our proceedings, as well as for their courteous notices of our Order and of this Grand Lodge, publishing widely to our great brotherhood over the country, as they have done, early reports of our work here.

Resolved, That to the Citizens of Chicago generally, for their kindness and hospitality extended towards us in many ways, we return our appreciative and sincere thanks, and in leaving their city for our homes, we will bear with us pleasant recollections of their enterprise, generosity and intelligence, evinced in the many fine and well-managed public institutions and public works which we have visited, a credit to their advancement in the highest Christian civilization—in the academies of learning, science and art, and public libraries, evidence of intelligence, culture and of wealth rightly used—in the numerous manufactories and large mercantile establishments, the extensive docks and shipping, and the countless railroads and canals, evidences of that enterprise, industry and thrift that have in a wonderfully few years created from an almost unpeopled solitude a great, busy, populous, wealthy mart of commerce, at once the wonder of the country and the pride of the great Empire of the West.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution of Rep. SPEAR, of Maryland, as amended, it was resolved unanimously in the affirmative.

At this stage of the proceedings, Rep. ELLIS, of Illinois, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the Reception of the Grand Lodge, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge, as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Sire and Brothers:

I thank you for permitting me to respond to the very complimentary resolutions which have just been unanimously adopted.

Permit me to say that one year ago, when the Telegraph brought us the glad tidings of the resolution of this Grand Body to hold its next Annual Session in our city, our hearts leaped for joy, for we foresaw the new impetus that it would give to the Order, not only in our city but throughout the North West; and the Committee, when arranging their plans for your

entertainment endeavored to so adjust them as not to interfere with your deliberations, that none should be able to say hereafter that the interests of the Order had been neglected for pleasure. We also endeavored to secure a reduction of fare upon all Rail Roads that would be likely to be used by the members of this body, in which we were partially successful, and regret that we could not have accomplished more.

The resolutions express an obligation on the part of this Grand Body, but we feel that the obligations are on the other side. Were it entirely proper, it would be pleasant to mention some of the many compliments that have been paid to the *personnel* of this Grand Body. Suffice it to say that it is admitted by our citizens, that no similar body of equal numbers ever assembled in our city, which commanded so fully the respect of all persons of intelligence. These remarks, I assure you, brethren, are highly pleasing to us. As a young member of this body, it were not proper that I should be often heard; but as Chairman of the Committee of Reception it has been my duty to often interrupt your deliberations for the purpose of making announcements, and I bear testimony that I have always been courteously received and attentively listened to.

If the Committee have succeeded in rendering your sojourn in our city pleasant, they will feel amply repaid for any labor that they may have performed. But, Most Worthy Grand Sire, I should be guilty of gross injustice to one who has labored assiduously, and whose counsels and services have greatly lightened the burdens of the Committee, did I fail to thus publicly recognize them at this time, and if consistent for one who is not a member of this Grand Body to be heard, it would certainly afford me great pleasure to introduce to you Brother E. B. SHERMAN, Secretary of the Committee.

At the conclusion of Rep. ELLIS' remarks, Brother E. B. SHERMAN, Secretary of the Committee, by unanimous consent, addressed the Lodge as follows:

*Most Worthy Grand Sire and Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Were it not discourteous to decline your proffered courtesies, I should hesitate to utter a single word upon this floor even in response to the very complimentary resolutions which you have just adopted. The eloquent and timely remarks of Representative ELLIS I most cordially endorse. Were it as feasible to execute as to plan; if purpose and performance were synonymous, then your Honorable Body would have received a welcome worthy of the men who compose it. I esteem it no ordinary honor to have been selected as one of those who were commissioned to extend to this Grand Body the courtesies and hospitalities of the Odd-Fellows of Illinois. For many years I have known the distinguished and devoted Brother who presides with so much dignity and urbanity over the deliberations of this Body, and whom, heretofore "not having seen, I have loved." I have heard of JAMES L. RIDGELY—*venerabile et clarissimum nomen*—who, for thirty-one years, has conducted the affairs of this Grand Lodge with untiring energy, unswerving devotion, and consummate ability; who, with his honored compeers, found Odd-Fellowship a jewel of inestimable value, concealed among semi-bacchanal rites, and recognizing its inherent worth and latent beauty, rescued it from its degrading associations, shaped and formed, polished and beautified it, and held it on high, luminous with celestial effulgence, to radiate its sacred light over every part of this broad continent, illumine the islands nestling in the bosom of the Pacific, and reflect its glorious sheen on the sunny slopes of Switzerland, and down the fertile valleys of the Rhine. Yes, I have long known by reputation the distinguished brothers who compose this Body; I know their sterling worth, and their self sacrificing devotion to the Order we love, and I have earnestly desired to meet you all face to face; to look into your eyes; to fit my palm to yours in fraternal clasp; to photograph you forever upon the retina of my soul. I thank God, brothers, that my desire has been fulfilled; that I am, as I

rust, richer to-day than ever before in the esteem and love of good men ; men loyal to truth and duty ; men of large hearts and broad sympathies.

Political aspirations I have none, but deeming, as I do, this Body peerless in this or any other country, I should be more or less than man did I not aspire to occupy in coming years a seat among you.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That Rep. ELLIS and E. B. SHERMAN, Chairman and Secretary of the Reception Committee, be and they are hereby requested to furnish the R. W. Grand Secretary with copies of the remarks made by them this morning in this Grand Body, and that the same appear in the Journal of this Session.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the vote of thanks this day passed to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois be handsomely transcribed on the same card upon which the Photographic Group of the members of this Grand Lodge is printed, under the care of the Representatives of the State of Illinois, at the expense of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. KENT, of Colorado, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, was laid on the table :

WHEREAS, The apron, long a part of the beautiful and appropriate regalia of our Order, bearing some of the most impressive emblems not otherwise carried, has, heretofore, been dropped; therefore be it

Resolved, That the apron, as heretofore used as a part of the regalia of the I. O. O. F., be and the same is hereby restored, and becomes a part of the regalia of our Order.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Alabama, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, was laid on the table :

Resolved, That a Select Committee of ten (five of whom shall be P. G. Sires,) be appointed to inquire into the expediency of suitable legislation looking to the consolidation of the Encampment and Subordinate Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and that said committee be instructed to report at the Secret Session of this Grand Body at its next Annual Meeting hereafter.

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge be held at the city of Baltimore.

Rep. PIERCE, of Indiana, seconded by Reps. CLARK, of Vermont, VANDEGRIFF, of Louisiana, HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, PORTER, of California, KENT, of Colorado, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution :

Amend Article XVII, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, so as to read as follows :

Article XVII.—The Officers, Representatives, and Past Grand Sires in

attendance at each Session of the Grand Lodge, except such Officers as may receive fixed salaries, shall receive such rates of mileage and per diem as may be determined at each Session, to be paid out of the Treasury of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Indiana, was laid on the table :

Resolved, That the several Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs are hereby authorized and required to transmit to the M. W. Grand Sire the Semi-Annual Passwords to be used in their several Jurisdictions, in the same manner and at the same time it is transmitted to their D. D. Grand Masters, and under the same restrictions.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, was laid on the table :

Resolved, That the seventh resolution, found on page 4893 of the Revised Journal of September, 1870, relative to the issuing of Dismissal Certificates, be and the same is hereby so construed that no Lodge or Encampment shall be compelled to grant a Dismissal Certificate unless a majority of the members present at the time of the application therefor vote in favor thereof.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby requested to advise with their respective State Grand Lodges and Encampments as to the propriety of this Grand Lodge paying to Past Grand Sires mileage and per diem for attendance at the Annual Sessions of the G. L. U. S.

Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to ; the question recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire be requested to sit for his portrait, to be placed in the Grand Lodge room, and that the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for such an amount as may be necessary to carry this resolution into effect.

Rep. HASELTINE, of Maine, moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to furnish the Odd-Fellows' Library, of Portland, Jurisdiction of Maine, with one copy of the bound Journal.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Rep. McLEAN, of District of Columbia, moved to amend as follows, which was agreed to :

Insert after the word "Maine" the words "Washington, District of Columbia."

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. PERKINS, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary cause to be sent to the Officers and Representatives, postage prepaid, the copies of the Daily Journal they are entitled to and have not yet received.

Rep. WISE, of Missouri, presented the following communication from King Hill Lodge, No. 19, of Missouri, and on motion the invitation extended was accepted.

HALL OF KING HILL LODGE, No. 19, I. O. O. F.,
St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 11th, 1871.

Resolved, That King Hill Lodge, No. 19, of the I. O. O. F., do by these presents hereby appoint and empower ROB. J. S. WISE, P. G. M. of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Missouri, our especial committee to present the kind regards and fraternal esteem of our Lodge to the officers and members of the G. L. U. S., convening at Chicago, Illinois, on the 18th inst., and in our behalf extend an earnest and cordial invitation to each one and all to come and participate in the celebration of our twenty-fifth anniversary on the 29th inst.

CHAS. C. SCOTT,
Noble Grand.

(Attest,) O. H. P. CRAIG, Sec'y *pro tem*.

Rep. ROSS, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Returns, to which was recommitted their former report, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Returns, to whom their report, on pages 5189 and 5190 Journal, was recommitted, with instructions to report the cause of the incorrectness of the Annual Returns of several Jurisdictions, respectfully report that the returns of the Grand Lodges of Connecticut, Texas, South Carolina, Alabama, Maine, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Vermont, Iowa, Minnesota, Ontario, Nebraska, West Virginia, and Colorado, and the Grand Encampments of Maryland, New York, Virginia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Texas, West Virginia and Kansas, do not exhibit the *cause* of the suspensions reported, as required by Article X of By-Laws ; Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, name of expelled members not given, cause of suspensions not stated ; Ohio, 138 expulsions reported, name and cause of 77 stated, cause of suspension not stated ; Kentucky, 47 expulsions, name and cause of 43 stated, cause of suspension not stated ; Virginia, 9 expulsions, name and cause of 7 stated, cause of suspension not stated ; Indiana, 114 expulsions, name and cause of 96 stated, cause of suspension not stated ; Missouri, 69 expulsions, name and cause of 58 stated, cause of suspension not stated, error in figures ; Illinois, 112 expulsions, name and cause of 102 stated ; Tennessee, cause of suspension not stated, error in figures ; North Carolina, name and cause of expulsion, and cause of suspension not stated ; Georgia, error in figures ; Michigan, 28 expulsions, name and cause of 31 stated, cause of suspension not stated, error in figures ; Arkansas, cause of suspension not stated, error in figures ; Florida, names and cause of expulsions, and cause of suspension not stated ; Lower Provinces, cause of suspension not stated, error in figures ; Oregon, 84 expulsions, name and cause of 7 given, cause of suspension not stated ; Kansas, 29 expulsions, names and cause of 19 given,

cause of suspension not stated ; Nevada, cause of suspension not stated, 111 "*ceased membership*" in the summary not stated in the body of the report ; Colorado, cause of suspension not stated.

Grand Encampments—Pennsylvania, names of expelled members not given, cause of suspension not stated ; Ohio, cause of suspensions not stated, error in figures, "dropped" members reported as "expelled ;" New Jersey, cause of suspension not stated, not signed by the Grand Scribe ; District of Columbia, cause of suspension not stated, no seal attached ; Indiana, 16 expulsions, names and cause of 14 given, cause of suspension not stated ; Michigan, cause of suspension not stated, error in figures ; Illinois, 12 expulsions, names and cause of 10 given ; Iowa, 7 expulsions, names and cause of 6 given, cause of suspension not stated ; Ontario, 6 members returned as expelled for non-payment of dues.

The reports of the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, District of Columbia, Delaware, Louisiana, New Jersey, Mississippi, Rhode Island, California, and the Grand Encampments of Kentucky, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Delaware, Rhode Island and California, are correct.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. A. ROSS,
L. K. BARBER,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
S. W. MANGHAM,
H. J. CANNIFF,
HENRY CLARK,
D. O. ADKISON.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized and requested to forward by mail, postage paid, the number of the Revised Journal of this Session to each Officer, Member, Representative, and P. G. Representative which, by resolution, they are entitled to ; also the copies of the Daily Proceedings which have not been furnished.

Resolved, That a full bound copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge and a copy of the Digest be furnished to Officers, Members, and Representatives who have not received the same.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Indiana, was laid on the table :

Resolved, That the resolution found on page 3709, Journal 1864, be amended by striking out all after the words "obtained in writing," so that it will read : "No Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of this Order shall hold any anniversary or other celebration, ball or party, where the regalia of the Order may be worn, or the name of the Order assumed, without the consent of the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch of the Jurisdiction first obtained in writing."

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, presented a memorial, which was read, and moved, in connection therewith, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the memorial be referred to the R. W. Grand Secretary, with instructions to inform the memorialists that, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, their prayers can not be granted.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, it was agreed to

Rep. TOWL, of Oregon, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to forward to P. G. M. Samuel E. May a complete set of the Revised Journal, Digest, and Proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. TOWL, of Oregon, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That possession of the Scarlet Degree is a necessary qualification for nomination to an elective office.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That authority be and is hereby granted to the R. W. Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State of Illinois to grant permission to Lodges and Encampments within their Jurisdiction to work and transact business in the Scandinavian tongues, provided that no written or printed translation of the work be allowed.

Rep. DURYEA, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the rule requiring Reports of Committees to lie upon the table for one day be suspended for the balance of this Session.

Rep. DURYEA, of South Carolina, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Schools and Asylums, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to Schools, Asylums, Libraries, and Charity Funds, ask leave to report:

That in the short time allowed them to devote to the vast, important, and interesting questions contained in that portion of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire which has been referred to them, and the want of means by which to obtain accurate information as to what has been done and is doing by the various Jurisdictions in this behalf, it is impossible for them to make any suggestion or to submit any plan for the action of this Grand Body at this time which would be at all worthy of the great objects contemplated by the report. It seems to the Committee that this Grand Body can not act understandingly unless it can have before it all the information as to the different plans adopted by the various Jurisdictions, which have entered with zeal into the great works of Education and Charity, and how the same have succeeded; and they would therefore respectfully suggest that some mode may be devised by which this information may be collected during the recess, so as to be ready to be laid before this Grand Body at its next Session, and offer the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to issue circulars to the different Jurisdictions, asking full statistical information as to what they have done and are doing in establishing schools, colleges, asylums, libraries, general relief associations and charity funds, showing amounts subscribed and expended, and the mode and plans of operation, and such other infor-

mation as may be necessary to enable this Grand Body to fully understand the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. DURYEA,
JOS. H. GARDINER,
H. F. HUBBARD,
WILL. P. SHARP,
JOHN F. DRISCOL.

Rep. TAYLOR, of Wisconsin, presented the following memorial, which was read, and, on motion, laid on the table :

To the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

The memorial of M. V. BURRIS, of Miners' Lodge, No. 4, of the State of Wisconsin, avers and prays,—

That in the year A. D. 1835, the village of Mineral Point, Wis., and "Iowa Lodge, No. 1," located in the same village, was visited by the then Grand Sire, THOMAS WILDEY, who organized and instituted an Encampment in that village, which was to be hailed and known as "Wildev Encampment, No. 1," of which Encampment the subscriber was a member and Scribe; that the records of that Encampment still exist, and are in the hands of D. D. G. P. JOHN H. VIVIAN, of Hudson's Encampment, No. 33; that the report of Grand Sire T. Wildev, made to the G. L. U. S., states the fact that he had organized the aforesaid Encampment; that these records were presented to the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin at its last Session, and a recognition of the name and number of this Encampment was asked at the hands of that Grand Encampment; that said Grand Encampment refused to recognize said Encampment as having had a legal existence, inasmuch as the G. L. U. S., in forming the said Grand Encampment, failed to report to that Grand Body "Wildev Encampment, No. 1," but *did* report "Wisconsin Encampment" as "No. 1," of the new Jurisdiction, and consequently it was prevented from recognizing "Wildev Encampment, No. 1," although it admitted that said Encampment had had an existence and number.

Your memorialist, being the only surviving member of "Wildev Encampment, No. 1," now connected with the Order, prays your honorable Body, either that you cause the Charter or Warrant of "Wildev Encampment, No. 1," to be returned to him, he having the necessary number of Patriarchs ready to receive it, and reorganize the Encampment; or else that you certify back to the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin the necessary papers and orders in the premises, so that application may be made to that Grand Body for a return of the Charter of said Encampment "No. 1," to me and my associated brother Patriarchs, we being unwilling that any part of the labors of the revered Grand Sire WILDEV, in this the then remotest West, shall be lost.

And your memorialist will ever pray, etc.,

Submitted in F., L. and T.,

M. V. BURRIS,

late Scribe of Wildev Encampment, No. 1, Wisconsin.

Mineral Point, Wis., September 15, 1871.

Any information of J. H. Vivian, Mineral Point, Wis.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, from the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred so much of the Report of the M. W. Grand Sire as refers to a change in the Certificate for members of the Degree of Rebekah, so that the same may be issued by Subordinate Lodges as well as Rebekah Degree Lodges, respectfully report that we think the change unnecessary at this time, and offer the following :

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the above-mentioned subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CARTER,
WM. R. MCLEAN,
E. H. WHITNEY,
C. VANCE,
THEO. A. ROSS.

Rep. HUBBARD, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which, on motion, was ordered to lie on the table :

Resolved, That the present Visitors' Card system be abolished, or so modified that the Card shall not be required to permit a brother visiting beyond the jurisdiction of his State Grand Lodge to gain entrance into any or all Lodges of this Order, provided he has the A. T. P. W., and can prove himself in the Work of the Order.

The Lodge now proceeded to the special order fixed for this day, to wit, the report of the Committee on Correspondence, page 5187, relative to the Germanic Mission. The report and resolutions being under consideration,

Rep. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, asked for a division of the question, and the question being on the first resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the second resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the third resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the fourth resolution, it was adopted.

The question being on the fifth resolution,

The hour fixed for recess having arrived, the Lodge recessed from business for one hour.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to order for recess.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the report and resolutions of the Committee on Correspondence.

The question being on the adoption of the fifth resolution,

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered, and put as follows :

"Will the Lodge adopt the fifth resolution accompanying the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative by the casting vote of the CHAIR.

The question being on the sixth resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend by adding the following resolutions :

Resolved, That in the event of the acceptance of Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, Special Deputy Grand Sire for Germanic Europe and the Republic of Switzerland, of the invitation this day extended to him by the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of superintending and aiding the Lodges already formed in Europe, and of extending the Order to other countries, in accordance with the report of the Committee on Correspondence, that the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay to his order the sum of three thousand dollars.

Resolved further, That the expenses incidental to this mission, incurred by him in the performance of the necessary duties thereof, be paid him by the Grand Treasurer upon the requisition of the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved to amend the amendment as follows : Strike out all after the word *Resolved*, and insert as follows :

"That no money shall be paid out of the Treasury of this Grand Lodge for or on account of the German or any other Foreign Mission."

Rep. WHITTEN, of Maine, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows : "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. GLENN, of Georgia?" which was resolved in the affirmative; the yeas and nays appeared as follows :

Yeas—Reps. Adkison, Alexander, Archer, Baker, Brown, Canniff, Carter, Cohen, Cox, Cunningham, Damon, Dean, Dodge, Dolson, Driggs, Driscoll, Earl, Fairchilds, Fletcher, Gardner, Given, Glenn, of Georgia, (2 votes,) Glenn, of Iowa, Hall, Haseltine, Henning, Johnson, Lane, Latham, Leech, Lindenberg, McCarty, McLean, Madden, Maris, Medole, Meyer, Olney, Partridge, Perkins, Phillips, Randlett, Rawlings, Robbe, Robinson, Smith, of North Carolina, Spear (2 votes,) Taylor (2 votes,) Tompkins, Turner, Vance (2 votes,) Wadleigh, Whitney, Whitten, Wickersham, Wildman, Woodyatt.—61.

Nays—Reps. Clark, of Vermont, Colton, Curry, Curtis, Dowden, Durham, Ellis, (2 votes,) Fitzhugh, Hamilton, Harmon, Harris, Havenner, Hickok, Lamberton, McLaren, Nungesser, Porter, of California, Porter, of Massachusetts, Price, Rand, Ross, Simmons, Simpson, Smith, of Connecticut, Stafford, Stokes, Ticknor, Towl, Trapp, Underwood, Vandegriff, Westfall, (2 votes,) Whittaker, White, Wilkerson, Williams, of Alabama, Williams, of Minnesota, Wise, Wroth.—41.

The question now being on the amendment as amended, it was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolution as a whole, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of Reports of Committees, as they appear on the Journal.

The next report, page 5193 of the Journal, from the Com-

mittee on the Judiciary, in relation to illegal ballots cast upon ballot for membership, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, on the appeal of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5194, from the same Committee, upon the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report, a division of the question was asked for; and the question being on the adoption of that part of the report which approves the second, fourth, fifth, ninth, tenth and fourteenth decisions of the Grand Sire, it was agreed to.

The question then being on that part of the report which relates to the first decision of the Grand Sire,

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, moved to amend as follows: Strike out that part of the report and insert the following:

“Resolved, That the first decision of the Grand Sire be approved.”

The question being on the amendment of Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the third paragraph of the report relating to the first decision, it was agreed to.

The question now being on adopting the third decision, or fourth paragraph, it was agreed to.

The question being on the eighth decision, or fifth paragraph, it was agreed to.

The question being on adopting the sixth paragraph and eleventh decision, it was agreed to.

The question being on adopting the thirteenth, twenty-first and twenty-third decisions, it was agreed to.

The question being on adopting the eighth paragraph or seventeenth decision, it was agreed to.

The question now being on adopting the ninth paragraph or twenty-second decision, it was agreed to.

The next report, page 5195, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America, and the Constitution of

Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, Montreal, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Vermont, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5196, from the same Committee, on the Constitution of Denver Encampment, No. 2, of Colorado, and the Constitution of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of New Mexico, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, on the petition of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, in relation to losses by Lodges in that Jurisdiction during the war, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5197, from the Special Committee on all that part of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire referring to chapeaux, swords and belts, was considered.

At this stage of the proceeding, 3½ o'clock, on motion the Lodge recessed from business until 7 o'clock.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess, and resumed the consideration of the report of the Special Committee in relation to the Grand Sire's report on chapeaux, swords and belts, page 5197, Journal, which being under consideration, Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend by striking out the word "chapeaux" in the first line, third paragraph.

The question being on the amendment, Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved the previous question, and the main question being ordered by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment?" which was agreed to.

The question now being on the adoption of the report as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 5198, on the appeal of W. H. BARNES, P. G. M., of New York, was considered.

Rep. MADDEN, of New York, moved to postpone consideration of the report to the next Session, which was not agreed

to. The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was agreed to.

The next report, page 5199, from the Special Committee on the subject of the "Press," was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, to whom was re-committed their former report on the subject of the abuse of the name, emblems, signs and Secret Work of the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5200, from the Special Committee to which had been referred the subject of distinctive regalia, was considered.

Rep. TRAPP, of Kentucky, moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until next Session, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was agreed to.

The next report, page 5202, from the Committee on Printing, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. HARMON, of California, in relation to printing the Revised Journal, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the resolution of Rep. HUBBARD, of Wisconsin, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, on the petition for a Grand Lodge in British Columbia, was considered.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report as follows, which was not agreed to :

WHEREAS, It appears from a memorial presented by the Odd-Fellows of British Columbia to this R. W. Body, that the interests of the Order in that distant region almost imperatively require the establishment of a Grand Lodge ; and whereas the Subordinates in that Province, in their memorial, have offered, in case a Grand Charter is granted them, to pay the expenses of their own Representative to this Body until such time as they may have attained the regular number of Lodges to entitle them to a Grand Lodge by the present law ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Sire is requested to issue a Charter under the above condition, for a Grand Lodge in British Columbia, whenever a petition in proper form, and accompanied by the proper fee, may be presented to him.

The question recurring on the report and resolution, it was adopted.

The next report, page 5203, from the Committee on Finance, allowing mileage to Bro. J. Y. DASHIEL, of Texas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same Committee to which was recommitted the resolution of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, page 5166, with instructions to allow 10 per cent. discount on Supplies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5204, from the same Committee, on Estimates of Receipts and Expenditures of the ensuing year, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5205, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida and on the Constitution of Borussia Lodge, No. 2, Berlin, Prussia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the form and style of flags for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5206, from the Committee on Correspondence, on the Correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee on Schools and Asylums, was considered and adopted.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the discriminating and intelligent labor which has made the Digest of the legislation and decisions of the G. L. U. S. so thorough and valuable a compendium, merits our hearty approval. And the thanks of this G. L. are hereby tendered to Bro. JOHN H. WHITE, G. Rep., for the efficient manner in which he has performed the onerous duty of preparing the Digest and superintending the printing.

On motion of Rep. MORSE, of California, the Lodge agreed to reconsider the vote adopting the report of the Committee of the State of the Order, page 5180, on the subject of the revision and correction of the Ritual in the German language.

The question being on the resolution accompanying the report,

Rep. COHEN moved to amend the resolution as follows, which was adopted :

That authority be given to the R. W. G. Sire and R. W. G. Secretary to procure such aid as will accomplish the long-needed proper and grammatical translation in German of the Ritual of our Order, the same to be submitted

for approval to a Special Committee of three, conversant with the German language, to examine such translation, with power to cause the same to be printed if found correct.

The question being on the report and resolutions as amended, it was adopted :

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and is hereby authorized to distribute, free of charge, to the Jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Body, the tract entitled, "Odd-Fellowship : What Is It?"

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge resolved itself into Secret Session.

After some hours passed in Secret Session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary Session.

The business of the Session being concluded, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon the Grand Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace as follows :

Almighty and eternal God ! Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another ; before the mountains were brought forth, or even the earth and the worlds were made. Thou art God from everlasting, and world without end. We acknowledge, with grateful hearts, all the mercies which Thou hast bestowed upon us, from the beginning of our lives to this moment. Especially do we thank Thee for guiding us through the important business of another legislative session. Grant that Thy blessing may so rest upon our labors, that the noble purposes of our Order may be abundantly promoted. And now that we are about to separate, we would commend ourselves to Thy fatherly keeping.

Preserve us, O God, from the dangers to which we may be exposed in traveling ; and conduct us in safety to our respective homes. Have mercy upon all men. Comfort the sick and afflicted. Succor the tempted. Relieve the oppressed. Bless the widow and the orphan. Enable our great brotherhood so to fulfill the sacred law of love to God and man, that we may be found worthy of our heavenly inheritance, and when we lay aside the burden of the flesh, may enter into joy and felicity. "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire proclaimed the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.

ERRATUM.—The Eighteenth Decision of Grand Sire, page 4993, should read as follows : "Any brother who has retired and wishes to reënter the Lodge the same evening, *may* use the Vice Grand's P. W. or the Explanation of the P. W. of the current term for that purpose."

FUNERAL CEREMONY.

Form of Procession in attending the Funeral of a Deceased Brother—Directions in reference thereto—Regalia to be worn—Service at Grave, etc.

On receiving information of the death of a brother, the N. G. of the Lodge to which he belonged shall cause the members thereof to assemble at their Lodge room, at the proper hour, when the following order shall be observed:

1. The N. G., or in his absence, the V. G., shall announce the death of the brother, and the Lodge may at that time adopt such resolutions of respect and condolence as may be deemed appropriate.

2. The N. G. shall direct the brothers present to place on the left breast a rosette of black crape, having a centre of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer may have attained, and above a sprig of evergreen; the Elective or Past Elective Officers also wearing the jewels they may be entitled to wear.

3. The N. G. shall then appoint the requisite number of pall-bearers and a Marshal, (and Assistant Marshal, if such be necessary,) to take charge of the procession, and also a Chaplain.

4. The Marshal shall then form the Lodge in procession, which shall pass from the Lodge room to the place from which the funeral may have been appointed to start, in the following order:

1. Marshal, wearing a black scarf, with a baton bound with black crape.

2. Outside Guardian, with red staff, in like mourning.

3. Scene Supporters, with white wands, in like mourning.

4. Pall-bearers.

5. Members of the Initiatory Degree, in order of seniority, two abreast.

6. Members of the White Degree, in like order.

7. Members of the Pink Degree, in like order.

8. Members of the Royal Blue Degree, in like order.

9. Members of the Green Degree, in like order.

10. Members of the Scarlet Degree, in like order.

11. Members of the Patriarchal Degree, in like order.

12. Members of the Golden Rule Degree, in like order.

13. Members of the Royal Purple Degree, in like order.

14. Past Grands, in order of seniority.


15. Inside Guardian, bearing the regalia and insignia indicative of the rank in the Order of the deceased brother.


16. Secretary and Treasurer.

17. Vice Grand, supported by the Right and Left Supporters, each bearing his wand of office, bound with a band of black crape.

18. The Chaplain wearing a white scarf, with open Bible, and supported by the Warden and Conductor, each bearing his staff of office, with band of black crape.

19. The Noble Grand, with gavel bound with black crape, supported by his R. and L. Supporters, each bearing his wand of office, in like mourning.

 All invited or visiting brethren of other Lodges take places with members of the Lodge according to rank.

 The Lodges, when more than one attend, shall be arranged in order of juniority, preceding the Lodge conducting the funeral.

If the deceased was a member of Encampment, the Encampment may attend his funeral in a body, in the order similar to that prescribed for Lodges, and shall take position in the line designated as No. 11, but in all cases the funeral ceremonies shall be conducted by the Subordinate Lodge, except that in case the deceased was a past or elective officer of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, then the ceremonies may be conducted by such Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

On arriving at the place appointed for the starting of the funeral, the Inside Guardian shall place the Regalia, etc., indicative of the rank of the deceased upon the coffin, and the Inside Guardian shall then take his place in the procession. The Pall Bearers shall take their places on each side of the hearse. The procession, in the above order, shall take position immediately before the corpse, and proceed to the place of interment.

On arriving at such place of interment the brothers shall open to the right and left, and allow the corpse, mourners, etc., to pass through, the brothers on either side standing silent and uncovered, the hat held in the left hand of each, and joining hands with each other with the right hand. After the passing of the corpse, mourners, etc., between the two lines, the brothers shall reform in procession after them in reversed order, and close the procession into and within the place of interment.

The coffin having been deposited in the grave, the Pall Bearers shall take position in a body at the foot of the grave.

Immediately after the religious services which were desired by the family or friends of the deceased, the Noble Grand shall take position at the head of the grave, and the Chaplain shall stand next to him on his right. Silently and uncovered the brethren shall form in one or more circles around the grave, as near as may be, holding the hat in their left hand, and the ceremony shall proceed as follows:

Noble Grand:—We are assembled, my brethren, on this occasion, to render the last tributes of affection to a departed brother. It is a sad office of our Order to bury the dead, and one which, in the mysterious providence of an All-wise God, we are frequently called upon to perform. Day after day we follow our brothers, our friends and our loved ones to the silent tomb, the house appointed for all the living. Once our departed brother mingled with us in the busy scenes of life, and participated in the work and labor of charity in which our Order is engaged. His voice is now hushed in death; the heart which felt for others' woes has ceased to beat; the hand which we have clasped in friendship will never more on earth be extended to our fraternal greeting, and we now commit his mortal remains to earth—dust to dust—ashes to ashes—until the last trump shall sound, when the dead shall awake from their long sleep, and this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality.

By this dispensation of Divine Providence we are again reminded of the shortness of time. Our life here, even when it reaches the limits of three score years and ten, is but a brief existence at best. It is like a dream of the night—a vapor, a shadow—which appeareth for a little while, and then vanisheth away. Man's days on earth are as grass, "as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth; for the wind passeth over it and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more forever." Let us, my brethren, improve this solemn admonition, and remember as our brother now is, so we must soon be. Let us work while it is the day, in the proper discharge of our duty to God and our fellow men, for the night of death cometh in which we can not work. Let us live out our appointed time, that the world will be the better for our having lived in it; laying up for ourselves a good foundation against the time to come, that when the dread summons shall come to us—as come it will—we may be prepared for the life beyond the grave, and be admitted into the Celestial Lodge above—the house not made with hands, eternal in

the heavens—and hear the Great King and Judge say, Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!

Response by the brethren—*So may it be.*

The Chaplain will then offer the following prayer:

Our Father and our God who art infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in Thy Being, Wisdom, Power, Holiness, Justice, Goodness, and Truth, hear the voice of our supplication as we humbly approach unto the Throne of Thy Heavenly Grace. In Thy hands are the issues of life and of death, and we pray Thee to look down upon us in mercy, as we weep with those that weep around the grave of one we loved, and whom Thou hast in Thy providence removed from among us. Help us who survive our Brother to live in Thy fear and under the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit. May we be enabled by Thy Grace to do those things which are well pleasing to Thee. May Faith, Hope, and Charity abide with us continually. Teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom, and in the end receive eternal life.

Grant Thy rich blessing upon all who are afflicted by this bereavement. Give unto them the consolations they need in the dark hour of their sorrow. Be Thou a Friend to the Friendless, [*a God of consolation to the widow.] [†and a Father to the fatherless.] May they be comforted and sustained by Thee in all of their trials and afflictions, and be able to say Thy will be done.

And we invoke Thy blessing upon our Order everywhere. Give to it the approving smile of Thy countenance, and may it have success in all its efforts to benefit mankind. Preserve it in its unity and in the excellence and purity of its principles. May no weapon formed against it prosper, and may it ever exert a moral and benevolent influence in the world. And to Thy Great name we will ascribe all the glory, power and dominion, now and forever. Amen.

Here the following Ode may be sung:

Brother, to thy grave we come,
As thy earthly course is run,
Hearts with silent grief oppress,
Bear thee to thy home of rest.

Voices from the sighing breeze,
From the woods and leafy [leafless] trees,
And the faded Autumn leaf†
Will remind us of our grief.

Though in the Grand Lodge above,
We remember thee in love,
Yet our Lodge has lost thee here—
'Tis for this we shed the tear.

In the earth we lay thee low,
Yet upon thy grave shall grow
Evergreens like these we bring,
As our last, sad offering.

Noble Grand (depositing a sprig of evergreen in the grave.) As Odd-Fellows we deposit this *evergreen* in the tomb of our deceased Brother as a token that while we bury his frailties and imperfections with his body, the remembrance of his virtues and good deeds will dwell *greenly* in our memories.

* If no widow omit.

† If no orphan omit.

‡ This line may be altered to suit the season thus:

Or, And the springing Vernal leaf,

Or, And the fading Summer leaf,

Or, And the Wintered seared leaf.

The brethren shall then march around the grave, commencing with the brother on the left of the Noble Grand, (who, with the Chaplain, remains standing,) and on reaching the head of the grave, each shall cast into it, with his right hand, the sprig of evergreen from his regalia. If there is more than one circle, the first circle shall pass out and around the outer circle, and each circle shall close up and do likewise.

The grave having been filled up, the Chaplain shall pronounce the following benediction :

The Lord bless and keep you ; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you ; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you Peace. Amen.

The procession will then reform and proceed to the Lodge room in the order of starting.

[NOTE.—The form of prayer for funeral addresses and ceremony must be used if any.]

The ordinary mourning badge to be worn by brothers in memory of a deceased brother, after the funeral, and which is usually worn for thirty days, is a strip of black crape passed through one button-hole only of the left lappel of the coat, and tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer may have attained.

The following Past Grand Representatives were present during the Session, and by special order of the Grand Lodge their names are recorded, as an appreciation of their devotion to the Order :

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LIST

Of Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, and time and place of meeting of the several Grand Lodges as far as the same has been ascertained.

ALABAMA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama meets annually at Mobile, on the first Monday in February.

Isaiah Dill, M. W. Grand Master.....Huntsville, Alabama.
W. A. Shields, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Mobile, Alabama.

ARKANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Arkansas meets annually at Little Rock, on the first Wednesday of November.

P. Brugman, R. W. Grand Master.....Little Rock, Arkansas.
Thomas R. Welch, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Little Rock, Arkansas.

CALIFORNIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of California meets at San Jose on the second Tuesday of May, 1872.

Rev. Wm. H. Hill, M. W. Grand Master.....Sacramento, Cal.
T. Rodgers Johnson, R. W. Grand Secretary.....San Francisco, Cal.

COLORADO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Colorado meets at Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, on the third Tuesday in October, 1872.

John H. Jay, M. W. Grand Master.....Kit Carson, Col.
J. W. Ratliff, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Bald Mountain, Col.

CONNECTICUT.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut meets at Bridgeport on the third Wednesday in May, 1872.

Alfred W. Phelps, M. W. Grand Master.....New Haven, Conn.
F. Botsford, M. W. Grand Secretary.....New Haven, Conn.

DELAWARE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Delaware meets annually at Wilmington on the third Wednesday in October.

Evans T. Speakman, M. W. Grand Master.....Wilmington, Del.
Edward McIntire, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Wilmington, Del.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia meets at Washington on the second Wednesday in January, April, July and October, and in Annual Session on the fourth Wednesday in July.

Andrew Jackson, M. W. Grand Master.....Washington, D. C.
P. Hall Sweet, R. W. Grand Secretary, (P. O. Box 922,) Georgetown, D. C.

FLORIDA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Florida meets annually at Tallahassee on the Tuesday before the 21st of June.

F. J. Wheaton, M. W. Grand Master.....Jacksonville, Fla.
John Day Perkins, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Tallahassee, Fla.

GEORGIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia meets annually at Columbus on the first Wednesday in August, 1872.

Charles C. Kibbee, M. W. Grand Master.....Hawkinsville, Ga.
John G. Deitz, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Macon, Ga.

ILLINOIS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois meets at Rock Island second Tuesday of October, 1872.

J. C. Smith, M. W. Grand Master.....Galena, Ill.
N. C. Nason, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Peoria, Ill.

INDIANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana meets semi-annually at Indianapolis on the third Tuesday in May and November.

J. W. McQuiddy, M. W. Grand Master.....New Albany, Ind.
B. F. Foster, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Indianapolis, Ind.

IOWA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa meets at Cedar Rapids, October 16th, 1872.

Orlando McCraney, M. W. Grand Master.....McGregor, Iowa.
Wm. Garrett, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Burlington, Iowa.

KANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Kansas meets annually at Topeka on the second Tuesday in October, 1872.

Sol. Miller, M. W. Grand Master.....White Cloud, Kansas.
Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Leavenworth, Kansas.

KENTUCKY.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky meets annually on the fourth Tuesday in October.

W. W. Morris, M. W. Grand Master.....Louisville, Ky.
Wm. White, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Louisville, Ky.

LOUISIANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana meets semi-annually at New Orleans on the fourth Tuesday of January and July.

Frank Pfister, M. W. Grand Master.....New Orleans, La.
Josiah Folger, R. W. Grand Secretary, (Lock Box No. 383,) New Orleans, La.

LOWER PROVINCES.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Lower Provinces, B. N. A., meets annually on the third Tuesday of July, 1872; next session will be held in St. Johns, New Brunswick.

Robert R. Barnes, M. W. Grand Master, (P. O. Box No. 2,) St. Johns, N. B.
A. M. Fraser, R. W. Grand Secretary, (P. O. Box No. 6,) Westville, N. S.

MAINE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine meets annually on the second Tuesday in August. The next session will be held in Lewiston.

David W. Babb, M. W. Grand Master.....Saccarappa, Me.
Orin B. Whitten, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Portland, Me.

MARYLAND.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland meets annually at Baltimore on the third Wednesday in April.

Joseph Vansant, M. W. Grand Master.....Baltimore, Md.
John Hahn, Jr., R. W. Grand Secretary.....Baltimore, Md.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts meets semi-annually at Boston, unless otherwise ordered, on the first Thursday in August and February.

A. B. Plimpton, M. W. Grand Master.....Lowell, Mass.
Charles B. Cole, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Boston, Mass.

MICHIGAN.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan meets Tuesday, 7 o'clock, P. M., at Grand Rapids, on the 16th January, 1872.

Isaac Sides, M. W. Grand Master.....Colon, Mich.
F. M. Foster, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Jackson, Mich.

MINNESOTA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota meets annually on the first Wednesday of June. Next Session at Winona, June, 1872.

Henry C. Fuhrman, M. W. Grand Master.....Winona, Min.
Sherwood Haugh, R. W. Grand Secretary.....St. Paul, Min.

MISSISSIPPI.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Mississippi meets annually at Jackson (unless another place be specially selected,) on the first Tuesday after the 15th day of July. The next meeting will be held at Meridian.

Ira J. Carter, M. W. Grand Master.....Enterprise, Miss.
Robert B. Mays, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Yazoo City, Miss.

MISSOURI.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri meets annually at St. Louis on the third Tuesday in May.

C. H. Mansur, M. W. Grand Master.....Chillicothe, Missouri.
E. M. Sloan, R. W. Grand Secretary.....St. Louis, Missouri.

NEBRASKA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska meets at Nebraska City on the third Tuesday in October, 1872.

D. A. Cline, M. W. Grand Master.....Lincoln, Nebraska.
John Evans, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Omaha, Nebraska.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, next Annual Session at Concord second Tuesday in October, 1872.

Amos Jones, M. W. Grand Master.....Lebanon, N. H.
Joel Taylor, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Manchester, N. H.

NEW JERSEY.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey meets annually at Trenton on the third Wednesday in November, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Benjamin T. Bright, M. W. Grand Master.....Bridgeton, N. J.
Lewis Parker, Jr., R. W. Grand Secretary.....box 611, Trenton, N. J.

NEW YORK.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of New York meets in 1872 at the city of New York on the Tuesday succeeding the third Monday in August.

Edwin S. Ralphs, M. W. Grand Master.....New York City.
Charles V. Clark, R. W. Grand Secretary.....P. O. box 838, N. Y. C.

NEVADA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Nevada meets at Reno on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of June, 1872, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Martin White, M. W. Grand Master.....Virginia City, Nev.
James H. Kinkead, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Reno, Nevada.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina meets annually at Raleigh on the third Wednesday in July.

J. H. Barker, M. W. Grand Master.....Tarboro, N. C.
J. J. Litchford, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Raleigh, N. C.

OHIO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio meets at Dayton on the second Tuesday in May, 1872.

Ira H. Bird, M. W. Grand Master.....Cincinnati, Ohio.
Wm. C. Earl, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Toledo, Ohio.

ONTARIO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario meets annually on the first Wednesday in August; next Session will be held at Windsor.

John Libson, M. W. Grand Master.....Stratford, Ontario.
J. B. King, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Brantford, Ontario.

OREGON.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon meets at Salem on the third Tuesday of May, 1872.

E. L. Bristow, M. W. Grand Master.....Eugene City, Oregon.
Chester N. Terry, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Salem, Oregon.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania meets in Annual Session at Philadelphia on the third Tuesday in May, 1872, and in Semi-Annual Session at Philadelphia on the third Tuesday in November, 1871.

Alfred Slack, M. W. Grand Master.....Pittsburg, Pa.
James B. Nicholson, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Philadelphia, Pa.

RHODE ISLAND.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island meets annually at Providence on the first Tuesday in August.

Gardner T. Stuarts, M. W. Grand Master.....Providence, R. I.
John F. Driscoll, R. W. Grand Secretary.. ..Providence, R. I.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, meets annually at Charleston on the third Wednesday in January, at 9 o'clock A. M.

John A. Elkins, M. W. Grand Master.....Charleston, S. C.
John H. Honour, Jr., R. W. Grand Secretary.. ..Charleston, S. C.

TENNESSEE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee meets annually.

J. L. Weakley, M. W. Grand Master.....
R. H. Barry, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Nashville, Tenn.

TEXAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas meets annually at Galveston on the first Monday in February.

N. G. Shelley, M. W. Grand Master.....Austin, Texas.
Geo. W. Graver, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Galveston, Texas.

VERMONT.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Vermont meets at St. Albans on the fourth Wednesday of August, 1872, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

John H. Simmons, M. W. Grand Master.....Middlebury, Vt.
H. M. Currier, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Brattleboro, Vt.

VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia meets at Portsmouth on the Wednesday after the second Monday in April.

Robert G. Prentis, M. W. Grand Master.....Charlottesville, Va.
Wm. J. Riddick, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Richmond, Va.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of West Virginia meets in Annual Session at Clarksburg on the fourth Tuesday in April, 1872.

George Edwards, M. W. Grand Master.....Moundsville, W. Va.
Thomas R. Steele, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Fairmount, W. Va.

WISCONSIN.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin meets annually at such place as it may designate. The next Session will be held at Madison, on the first Wednesday of December, 1871.

Myron P. Lindsley, M. W. Grand Master.....Green Bay, Wis.
L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Madison, Wis.

LIST

Of Grand Patriarchs, Grand Scribes, and time and place of meeting of the several Grand Encampments, as far as the same has been ascertained.

ALABAMA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Alabama meets annually at Mobile on the first Tuesday of February.

John P. Emrich, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Mobile, Ala.
R. E. Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Mobile, Ala.

CALIFORNIA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of California meets at San Jose on the second Monday in May, 1872, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Lewis Korn, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Sacramento, Cal.
T. Rodgers Johnson, R. W. Grand Scribe.....San Francisco, Cal.

CONNECTICUT.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Connecticut meets annually at New Haven on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in May.

Charles A. Newell, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Middletown, Conn.
F. Botsford, R. W. Grand Scribe.....New Haven, Conn.

DELAWARE.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Delaware meets annually at Wilmington on the second Tuesday in April, and the Tuesday before the second Wednesday in October.

Henry W. Baker, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Seaford, Delaware.
Edwin Hirst, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wilmington, Del.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia meets semi-annually at Washington, on the fourth Monday of January and July.

H. Clay Espey, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Washington, 417 J. St., N. W.
Thomas W. Fowler, R. W. Grand Scribe.....907 5th St., N. W.

GEORGIA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Georgia meets annually; next year at Columbus, on the first Tuesday in August.

T. P. Fleming, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Atlanta, Georgia.
John G. Deitz, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Macon, Georgia.

ILLINOIS.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Illinois meets in Rock Island on the second Tuesday of October, 1872.

A. H. Lichty, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Mt. Carroll, Illinois.
N. C. Nason, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Peoria, Illinois.

INDIANA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Indiana meets semi-annually at Indianapolis on the third Tuesday in May and November.

W. Y. Monroe, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....North Madison, Ind.
B. F. Foster, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Indianapolis, Ind.

IOWA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Iowa meets at Cedar Rapids, October 15, 1872.

Charles B. Hendershott, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Ottumwa, Iowa.
Wm. Garrett, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Burlington, Iowa.

KANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Kansas meets at Topeka on the second Tuesday in October, 1872.

Fred. Speck, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Wyandotte, Kansas.
Samuel F. Burdette, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Leavenworth, Kansas.

KENTUCKY.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Kentucky meets annually at such place as the Grand Lodge shall have its Session, on the first Wednesday after the fourth Tuesday in October.

F. W. Foster, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Lexington, Ky.
Wm. White, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Louisville, Ky.

LOUISIANA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Louisiana meets semi-annually at New Orleans on the third Tuesday of January and July, each year.

J. R. Walker, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....New Orleans, La.
Josiah Folger, R. W. Grand Scribe, (lock box No. 388,).....New Orleans, La.

MAINE.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Maine meets at Lewiston on the second Tuesday of August, 1872.

Phineas Batchelder, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Bangor, Me.
N. G. Cummings, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Portland, Me.

MARYLAND.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland meets at Baltimore on the Monday preceding the third Wednesday in April, and on the Monday preceding the third Wednesday in October.

A. G. McLellan, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Baltimore, Md.
John M. Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Baltimore, Md.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts meets annually at Boston, unless otherwise ordered, on the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday in August.

James M. Price, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....E. Cambridge, Mass.
Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Boston, Mass.

MICHIGAN.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Michigan meets on Monday, the 15th of January, at Grand Rapids.

D. G. Palmer, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Jackson, Michigan.
F. M. Foster, R. W. Grand ScribeJackson, Michigan.

MISSISSIPPI.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Mississippi meets annually ; the next Session will be held on the first Tuesday after the 15th day of July, at Meridian.

Isaac T. Hart, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Woodville, Miss.
Robert B. Mays, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Yazoo, Miss.

MISSOURI.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Missouri meets annually at St. Louis on the first Thursday after the third Tuesday in May.

W. H. Woodward, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....St. Louis, Missouri.
Robert E. McNeely, R. W. Grand Scribe.....St. Louis, Missouri.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of New Hampshire, next Annual Session on Tuesday preceding Grand Lodge meeting.

Alvah Moulton, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Dover, N. H.
Joel Taylor, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Manchester, N. H.

NEW JERSEY.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of New Jersey meets at Trenton, Tuesday the 19th of November, 1872.

A. Spencer Clark, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Newark, N. J.
Lewis Parker, Jr., R. W. Grand Scribe.....Trenton, N. J.

NEW YORK.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of New York meets in 1872 at the city of New York, on the Tuesday evening succeeding the third Monday of August.

Thomas Pruden, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....New York City.
Charles V. Clark, R. W. Grand Scribe.....New York City.

NORTH CAROLINA.

R. T. Wilson, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Tarboro, N. C.
R. A. Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wilmington, N. C.

OHIO.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio meets annually at Sandusky City on the first Tuesday in May, 1872.

Cornelius L. Russell, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Cleveland, Ohio.
Joseph Dowdall, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Columbus, Ohio.

ONTARIO.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Ontario meets in Windsor, at 9 o'clock, A. M., on the first Tuesday before the first Wednesday in August, 1872.

Henry McAfee, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Walkerville, Ont.
M. D. Dawson, R. W. Grand Scribe.....London, Ont.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania meets in Annual Session at Philadelphia on the Monday preceding the third Tuesday in May, 1872, and in Semi-Annual Session at Philadelphia on the Monday preceding the third Tuesday in November, 1871.

James Bingham, Jr., M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Philadelphia, Pa.
James B. Nicholson, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Philadelphia, Pa.

RHODE ISLAND.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Rhode Island meets annually at Providence on the Monday before the first Tuesday in August.

Daniel N. Paine, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Woonsocket, R. I.
John F. Driscoll, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Providence, R. I.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of South Carolina meets annually at Charleston on the third Tuesday in January.

J. E. Meyer, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Charleston, S. C.
W. F. Dunlap, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Charleston, S. C.

TENNESSEE.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Tennessee meets annually.

George B. Boyles, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....
G. H. Barry, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Nashville, Tenn.

TEXAS.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Texas meets annually at Galveston on the first Monday of February each year.

A. T. McKenney, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Huntsville, Texas.
George W. Graver, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Galveston, Texas.

VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Virginia meets annually at Portsmouth (next Session) immediately after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in April, 1872.

John A. Collins, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Richmond, Va.
Wm. J. Riddick, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Richmond, Va.

VERMONT.

Sewell Morse, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Brattleboro, Vt.
 Charles G. Peterson, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Vt.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of West Virginia meets at Clarksburg on
 the fourth Tuesday in April, 1871.

George Edwards, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Moundsville, W. Va.
 H. A. Uthman, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wheeling, W. Va.

WISCONSIN.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Wisconsin meets annually at such place
 as the R. W. Grand Lodge designates for the meeting of that Body.
 Next meeting will be at Madison, on the Tuesday preceding the first
 Wednesday in December, 1871.

Lewis Silber, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Waupun, Wis.
 L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Madison, Wis.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION,

PROPOSED AT SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1871.

Rep. COX, of Maryland, seconded by Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, and Rep. DURYEA, of South Carolina, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution :

To amend Article XIV, Section 2, of the Constitution, by striking out the words "seventy-five," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifty."—*Page 5118.*

Rep. ROSS, of New Jersey, seconded by Reps. WORTH, of New Jersey, SMITH, of Connecticut, and DOWDEN, of Kentucky, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution :

Proposed to amend Constitution, Article XIV, Section 3, by striking out the words "ten per cent. on their receipts," and inserting instead the words "a per capita tax of twenty cents per annum on the membership reported," so that the section will read: "Dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, working under the immediate Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, a per capita tax of twenty cents per annum on the membership reported."—*Page 5178.*

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, seconded by Reps. WESTFALL, of Minnesota, CUNNINGHAM, of Connecticut, and PARTRIDGE, of Ontario, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution :

Amend Article IX, Section 1, by striking out the word "two" where it occurs in the third line, and inserting "four"; also, to strike out the word "annually" in the fourth line, and insert "biennially," so that the terms of the Grand Representatives shall be four years instead of two.—*Page 5197.*

Rep. VEITCH, P. G. Sire, seconded by Reps. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, and FITZHUGH, of Virginia, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution :

Amend Section 4, Article XVI, (16) Constitution of the G. L. U. S., as follows :

Strike out the whole section and insert Section 4. "A member of the Order suspended or expelled from a Lodge or Encampment in any Jurisdiction or Sovereignty shall not be admitted to membership in a Lodge or Encampment in another Jurisdiction or Sovereignty, without the previously obtained consent of the Lodge or Encampment from which he is suspended or expelled. *Provided, however,* that members suspended or dropped for the non-payment of dues only may be admitted to membership in another Jurisdiction or Sovereignty upon such conditions and under such rules and regulations as this Grand Lodge may have prescribed, or may at any time adopt."—*Page 5201.*

Rep. PARTRIDGE, of Ontario, seconded by Reps. CARTER, of Ohio, DEAN, of Michigan, COHEN, of Arkansas, TURNER, of Ohio, MEYER, of South Carolina, MATHESON, of Lower Provinces, WILLIAMS, of Alabama, WOODYATT, of Ontario, and DOLSON, of Ontario, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution :

Amend the Constitution, of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as follows: Article I, Section 1, to strike out the words "of the United States" and insert "of America," so as to make the section read as follows:

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the Grand Lodge of America of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

Also Article I, Section 2, to strike out the words "the United States of" so that the section shall read as follows :

SECTION 2. It is the source of all true and legitimate Odd-Fellowship in America, and possesses such powers and jurisdiction over the whole brotherhood as are provided in the Constitution and Ritual of this Order; its authority extends also to such Lodges and Encampments as may be organized under its Charter in foreign countries.— *Page 5207.*

Rep. **PIERCE**, of Indiana, seconded by Reps. **CLARK**, of Vermont, **VAN-DEGRIFT**, of Louisiana, **HICKOK**, of Pennsylvania, **PORTER**, of California, and **KENT**, of Colorado, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article XVII of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVII. The Officers, Representatives, and Past Grand Sires in attendance at each Session of the Grand Lodge, except such Officers as may receive fixed salaries, shall receive such rates of mileage and per diem, as may be determined at each Session, to be paid out of the Treasury of the Grand Lodge.— *Page 5237.*

Rep. **HARMON**, of California, seconded by Reps. **R. A. LAMBERTON**, of Pennsylvania, **LUTHER J. GLENN**, of Georgia, **ERIE J. LEECH**, of Iowa, and **J. MARIS**, of Delaware, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

Amend Article II, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE II. This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, to-wit: A Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger, and Grand Representatives from the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments working under legal unclaimed charters granted by this Grand Lodge.

Amend Article VI, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI. The Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in a book provided for that purpose, keep the Journal of all secret sessions, and preserve and keep the evidences of the unwritten work, and such alterations as may, from time to time, be made therein, and all other records appertaining to the work of the Order, and the explanations and lectures relative thereto; summon the members to attend all special meetings; keep accounts between the Grand Lodge and the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction; read all petitions, reports, and communications; write all letters and communications; carry on, under the direction of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Sire, its correspondence; and transact such business of the Grand Lodge appertaining to his office as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge. All communications transmitted or received by him officially shall be laid before the Grand Lodge. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, determine. He shall have authority to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Lodge, an Assistant, who shall perform such duties as the Grand Secretary or this Grand Lodge shall prescribe. He shall also have power, between the sessions of this Grand Lodge, for cause, to remove said Assistant from office until the next session of the Lodge after such removal. Said Assistant shall receive a compensation to be fixed by the Grand Lodge at each session, and be paid from its treasury.

Amend Sections 2 and 4, Article VIII, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 2. The Grand Marshal is charged with the convenience and comfort of the members, and shall employ a sufficient number of aids or pages for that purpose. He shall have power to make requisitions upon the Treasurer for the funds necessary to provide as well for this service as for the supplies requisite therefor.

SECTION 4. The Grand Messenger is charged with special service upon the Grand Sire during the sessions; shall see to his comfort, and that his desk is properly supplied with official books, papers, and documents; and shall perform such messages as the Grand Sire or Grand Secretary shall direct.— *Page 5129.*

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, who shall draw for the seats to be occupied by the respective Representatives of the jurisdictions subordinate to this R. W. Grand Lodge during the present session, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

Resolved, That the time for the sessions of this Grand Lodge will be to meet at nine, A. M., take a recess for thirty minutes at twelve o'clock, M., and adjourn at half-past three, P. M.

Resolved, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Guardian by the Representatives respectively from the State jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached, and no Representative is authorized to vouch for any visitor unless he is in good standing in his Lodge and Encampment, is a Past Grand and in possession of the Royal Purple Degree, and by being a Past Grand is meant having the Grand Lodge Degree.

Resolved, That the Book of Diagrams and Secret Work be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire for the use and benefit of the Representatives.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed.....copies of the Daily Journal for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session; and that.....copies of the Revised Journal be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to present to each Grand Representative who has not already received the same one copy of the bound Revised Journal and Digest.

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 2. That the remainder of the funds which were set apart for said purpose be merged in the general Grand Lodge Fund. This case involves substantially the principles adjudicated on the appeal of A. L. Stinson, of Oregon, pages 4875, 4879, Journal, viz.: That funds set apart by law for a special object are, *pro tanto*, trust funds, and must be dedicated to that object, and that they can be neither merged with other funds nor diverted to other objects.5161, 5162, 5215
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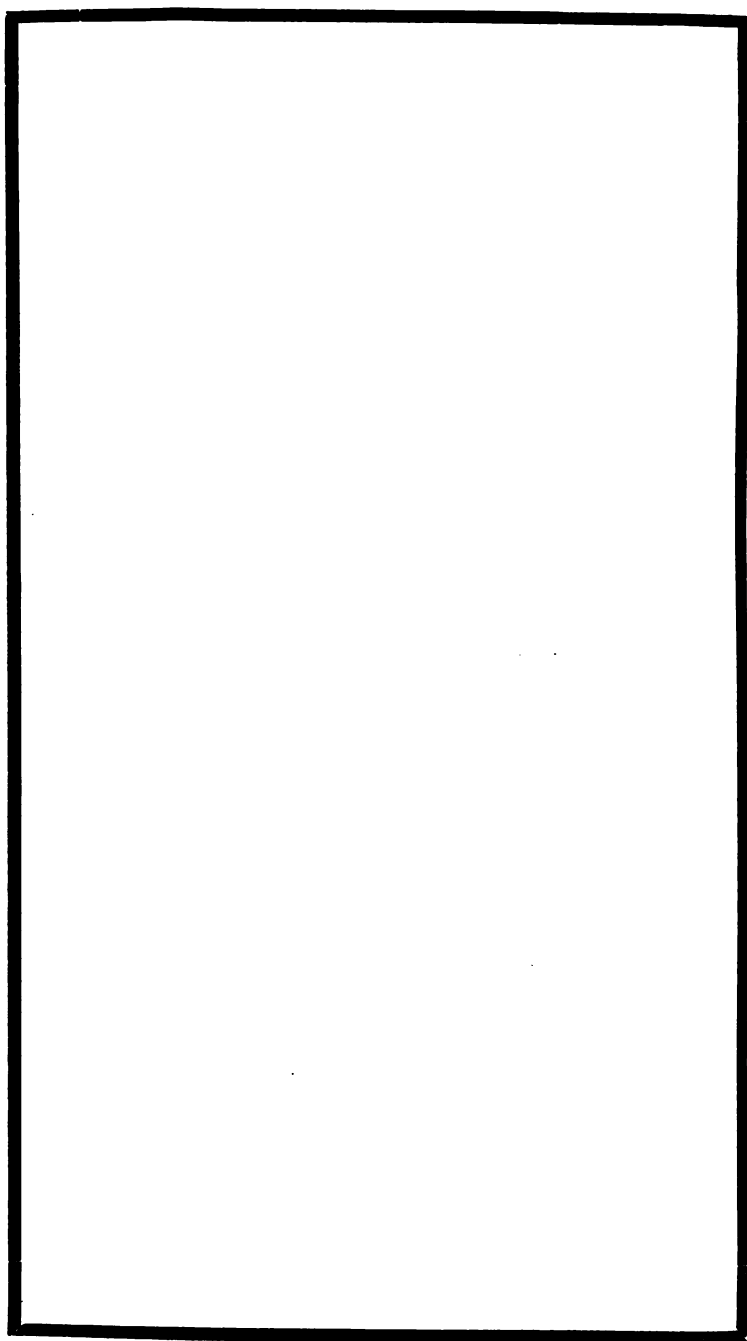
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IN MEMORIAM.

"Life's curtain rises upon a cradle:
In rapid succession, childhood, youth,
Maturity, age follow, and the curtain
Falls, withdrawing us from human eyes,
But, if we acted well our part,
Introducing us into glories."

ELIPHALET G. STORER, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, at his residence in New Haven, September 24, 1870, at the advanced age of seventy-seven.

"He was a member of our beloved Order over thirty years. He accomplished much, and whatever he did has been well done. He enjoyed the respect of all with whom he was associated or acquainted."—*Journal*, 5208.

JOHN R. PIPER, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, at his home, on the 16th March, 1871.

"His earnestness as an Odd-Fellow was rewarded by his brethren by his selection to fill the various offices in both branches of the Order, from the most humble to the most exalted. Death was no enemy to him, but a friend, in whose company he passed from the tribulations of time to everlasting life."—*Journal*, 5208.

JOHN MILLS, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, in Washington, D. C., on the 17th July, 1871, in the sixty-third year of his age.

"Suddenly, almost like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, death touched his forehead, his spirit left its earthly casket, and winged its flight to the blest abode, where the weary are at rest."—*Journal*, 5209.

A. E. WARNER, Past Grand Treasurer and Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, on the 16th of January, 1870.

"From angel choristers above arose a song of thanksgiving to Him who released the tired spirit from its prison-house, that it might taste and mingle in the melody of heaven."—*Journal*, 5210.

IN MEMORIAM.

JOSEPH B. ESCAVAILLE, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, at his home, in the city of Baltimore, on the 31st day of December, 1870.

"He served with honor and applause in nearly every position known to the Order, and of all the young men of the present generation in the Order he was unquestionably the first. How he demeaned himself in this great place, let those that follow speak. Is it not printed in our Records, and written in abiding characters upon the tablets of our hearts?"—*Journal*, 5211.

CLARK H. GREEN, Past Grand Representative of the Jurisdiction of Missouri, in the year 1870.

"A Past Grand Representative for nearly a quarter of a century, an ardent, zealous, and efficient member of the Order. He was a man of enlarged views and heart, and well deserved the confidence and love of his brethren."—*Journal*, 5211.

JAMES L. HAUPT, Past Grand Representative of the Jurisdiction of Georgia, at his home in Savannah, on the 30th day of October, 1870, aged fifty-four years and one day.

"As a man and a citizen, Brother Haupt was quiet and unobtrusive in his daily walk and conversation, yet active and zealous in the discharge of his duties, in all the relations of life. As a private in the ranks of Odd-Fellowship, he was ever faithful in the practice of its sublime teachings."—*Journal*, 5212.

JONAS HACKER, Past Grand Representative of the Jurisdiction of Nebraska, at his home in Brownville, Nebraska, on the morning of January 3d, 1871, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

"Although for many years an uncomplaining sufferer from a most distressing and painful disease, yet he ceased not to labor for the good of mankind until he ceased to live."—*Journal*, 5212.

JOHN G. CLAYTON, Past Grand Representative of the Jurisdiction of New York, at his home in Flatbush, New York, on the 2d day of October, 1870, in the sixty-second year of his age.

"During thirty years of his connection with Odd-Fellowship, he was one of its most zealous and useful members. Upright in his every act, he was earnest and honest in his every thought, true in his friendship, warm in his attachment, conscientious in the discharge of his duties, modest and unpretending in his conduct."—*Journal*, 5213.

WM. J. HOKE, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, during the fall of 1870, at Columbia, South Carolina, where but a short time before his death he had embarked in mercantile business.

"Without warning, while at the post of duty, with the genial smile on his lips, which so well adorned his manly face, he was struck dead—transported from the cares of the world, we trust, to eternal life in a brighter sphere."—*Journal*, 5213.





